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## Kromlin Romance

London, May 20.—The newspaper, Star, said today that Vice-Premier V. M. Molotov's daughter, Svetlana, and Premier Josef Stalin's son, Vasil, are going to get married. Stalin's son is a major general in the Air Force.—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### Civil War Developments

THE Chinese Communists are taking an astonishingly long time to accomplish what once appeared to be a comparatively simple task—the capture of Shanghai. There are indications, in fact, that they have been forced, by circumstances for which they had not previously made provision, of changing their strategy, and are now depending more on a successful crossing of the Whangpoo from Pootung rather than the investment of Wosung from the north and west. And if this proves to be the case, it will be to the credit of the Nationalists that they have offered sufficient resistance to force the Communists into this new line of attack. Having made that acknowledgment, it still remains to be observed that there are no impressive signs that the Communists can be prevented from achieving their objective. The two predominant posers are: how long will it take them to capture Shanghai? And to what extent, if any, the city is to be subjected to military assault? The Bund, which contains an important section of foreign business houses, has been sealed off by the city police and manned by Nationalist troops. The move can be attributed to a variety of reasons: the Authorities may fear a bombardment from Pootung and are endeavouring to avoid heavy casualties among the civilian population; they may be anticipating an attempted landing by Communist forces from across the river at that point; or it may be just a gesture, trying to show a bold front when all other hope has been surrendered. Whatever the motive or intention the action brings home to the foreign community in Shanghai (if any emphasis was needed) that the civil war is on their doorsteps, and that it might prove extremely uncomfortable before it resolves itself. The encroachment of Nationalist defences into an area essentially foreign is a reminder to British and other non-Chinese nationals in

## Nationalists Counter-Attack At Pootung

### REDS RETREAT, CLAIM

### The Battle Of Shanghai Moving Toward Climax

Shanghai, May 21.—A Chinese Air Force report issued last night claimed that Government Forces in the Pootung district were counter-attacking and that the Reds were retreating, but no details were given.

Optimistic communiques notwithstanding, the Battle of Shanghai was generally believed yesterday to be moving towards a climax amid rising tension and indescribable confusion in China's commercial capital.

### Warships Ready To Evacuate

#### Americans From S. China

Aboard The U.S. Flagship El Dorado off China, May 20.—The United States Navy in China waters now will establish its readiness to evacuate Americans who may want to leave South China, Vice Admiral Oscar Badger said today.

The Commander of the United States forces in the West Pacific revealed that he expected to confer soon with Mr. Lewis Clark, head of the Canton branch of the United States Embassy on the general South China situation. The conference is expected to take up possible emergency evacuation of some 400 Americans in the Canton area already reported to be threatened by the advance Communist troops.

Press reports received aboard the El Dorado that Nationalist officials planned abandoning Canton indicated the purpose of

Admiral Badger's mission in South China.

Adm. Badger said, "The evacuation from Canton was not expected to be as large an operation as in North China or Shanghai although if unduly delayed it would be more difficult in some respects."

Adm. Badger made it clear that "Naval units" have been left behind in the Yangtze area to take aboard any last minute evacuees from Shanghai. He might desire to leave by private launch down the Whangpoo.—United Press.

With the city's nerve-centre—the Bund area—paralysed by a stringent blockade, business was at a complete standstill while housewives confronted empty stalls in food markets.

An official communique issued late yesterday indicated that Red pliers converging on the mouth of the harbour at Wosung were only five miles apart, but it said that crack Nationalist units, fighting with their backs to the city's life-line—the Whangpoo River—succeeded yesterday in preventing a further constriction of the Red steel cordon round the metropolis.

The Central News revealed that the Chinese Air Force, hoarding low-hanging rain clouds, provided non-stop support throughout the battles, bombing and strafing.

There was no news yesterday regarding the situation at Laungshui Airport which, however, was believed to be still in Nationalist hands. Several large transports were said to be standing by there for an emergency.

In a review of naval operations, a Nationalist Navy spokesman estimated that more than 15,000 Communist troops were killed by naval gunfire in the battle for Huangpu airfield while in the northern suburb the Communists threw two regiments against the Chinese Government's Radio Administration building at Laungshui, but they called off the attack after eight fruitless "human sea" charges, according to the Central News.

The lull continued yesterday on the southern and western perimeters with both sides reported to be bringing up reinforcements for the next round of the battle for Huangpu airfield while in the northern suburb the Communists threw two regiments against the Chinese Government's Radio Administration building at Laungshui, but they called off the attack after eight fruitless "human sea" charges, according to the Central News.

The Nationalist Air Force announced yesterday that a "few" Government planes were hit by Communist anti-aircraft fire during low flying strafing missions on Wednesday, but that all of them managed to return to their base safely.

The military blockade of the Bund, officially stated to be due to the "close proximity of the battle-front," caused unprecedented traffic jams in downtown Shanghai throughout the day with pedestrians, motor-cars and man-powered vehicles clogging all side streets.—Reuter.

### Eastern Berlin Railway Strike

Berlin, May 20.—Fifteen thousand railway workers in Eastern Berlin went on strike at midnight and the Russian-controlled German railway administration called off strike breakers.

Strikers and strikebreakers, both armed with clubs, clashed at the West Berlin elevated station shortly after midnight.

The East Berlin railway management, under Russian direction, had said its trains would run despite the strike. The union had replied it would tolerate no strikebreakers in Western Berlin.—United Press.

## Where's The Fire, Son?



That is what Atlanta, Ga., policeman Ted Edwards (in air) could be saying to his 6-year-old son, Teddy, as he zips under his legs on his special junior motorcycle. The father-son act was part of the big parade of some 20,000 members of school safety patrols in Washington, D.C. Father built the machine for junior. — AP Picture.

## Sizzling Churchill Attack On The Labour Govt.

Glasgow, May 20.—Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, returned to the attack on the Labour Government tonight when he blamed it for the "lamentable disasters" in India, Burma and Palestine.

"The Conservative Party cannot be held responsible for these disasters," he told a mass meeting of 20,000 Conservatives, "but we are bound all the same to face the consequences. We have no choice but to accept what has happened. We must look to the future and try our utmost to do the best for all."

Mr Churchill said the Conservatives accepted the Labour Government's recent accord with the Commonwealth countries to let a Republican India remain in the Commonwealth and its general treatment of the Irish question, but he declared, the Labour Party had brought British prestige to its lowest ebb for centuries.

"South American republics twist the Lion's tail in the Antarctic. The Albanians mine British warships and kill our sailors. Israeli aircraft shoot down Royal Air Force fighters, and the Chinese Red Army fire upon the British Fleet with impunity and drive it back."

Mr Churchill said: "Lamentable disasters have occurred in India, Burma and Palestine which might easily have been avoided by a wise and competent handling of our affairs."

"The Conservative Party cannot be held responsible for these disasters," he said. "It was this conviction which led me to accept, on behalf of the Conservative Party, the settlement which has been reached about India and Commonwealth affairs and about the relations between the nations and states of our world-wide associations and the King, who is its supreme head, and to save by every means in our power whatever can be rescued in this period of temporary decline and eclipse."

"We accept the settlement which has been made with the agreement of the Empire or Commonwealth Prime Ministers gathered in London, under

## Britain Says "No" To Big Three Talks

### To Big Three Talks

London, May 20.—Britain told Russia in secret New York talks that she was not prepared to start "Big Three" negotiations on Greece behind the back of the Athens Government, the British Foreign Office stated today.

The Foreign Office said that the British Minister of State, Mr Hector McNair, made this clear at the second of recent conversations on a tentative Russian proposal for talks with the United States and Britain to end the Greek civil war.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, represented Russia, and the Assistant State Secretary, Mr Dean Rush, the United States, at three informal New York conversations on April 20, May 5 and May 14.

A usually reliable London source said today that Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, are likely to discuss Moscow's proposal when they meet in Paris over the week-end.

### NO EQUAL FOOTING

Britain would almost certainly frown on any suggestion of mediating on an equal footing between the Greek Government and the guerrillas, this source added.

The British spokesman said that the New York meetings were solely to clarify the Soviet suggestions. There had been no negotiations.

Mr McNair pointed out to Mr Gromyko that the civil war would soon end if Greece's northern neighbours stopped giving aid and shelter to the rebels, the spokesman added.

Mr McNair also said that the United Nations was carrying on certain work in relation to Greece, which the three Governments would not wish to cut across.

M. Layan Molas, Greek Ambassador in London, was informed of the course of the New York discussions this morning.

The Soviet suggestion for negotiations, disclosed last night by the official Tass news agency, was linked with proposals that the three Powers should make a peace appeal in Greece, that a general amnesty should be declared and that a general election should be held.—Reuter.

## Strikers In Gun Fight

Milan, May 20.—One striker was shot dead and several injured in a fight at Cascina, near Milan, between pro-Communist strikers and non-Communist strike breakers. The non-Communist had come from neighbouring Bergamo Province to try to take the place of the strikers.

The police detained several people. The strikers were farm-workers and the police said tonight that 500 workers from a nearby metal-works who had downed tools in sympathy with the farm-workers, joined in the fight. Clashes were also reported from several other parts of Northern Italy.—Reuter.

## Vyshinsky To Face A Common Front

Paris, May 20.—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, arrived in Paris tonight for preliminary week-end talks with his Western colleagues before beginning the "Big Four" meeting on Germany next Monday.

Replying to questions by a group of press correspondents, Mr Bevin said: "I have nothing to say just now. You had better see me when I am going away."

With the American Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, Mr Bevin is expected to confirm the "common policy" on Germany said to have been worked out secretly this week by diplomatic experts.

### THREE CONSIDERATIONS

Usually reliable diplomatic circles here think that no major difference now exist between the Western Powers on a four-Power settlement and that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, will face a common-front on Germany.

(1) Keeping Russia out of control of the Ruhr.

(2) Maintaining the West German State.

(3) Determination not to abandon Germany to her own resources.

Mr Acheson is due to arrive by air tomorrow. The Soviet Embassy, at noon, had "no information" as to the time of Mr Vyshinsky's arrival. Reports from Moscow indicated that he was bringing 10 experts on Germany political advisers and Secretariat personnel.—Reuter.



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### General Election This Autumn

London, May 20.—News-papers speculation on the possibility of a British General Election in the autumn and an early British Cabinet reshuffle was discredited by authoritative quarters here today.

These quarters stated that the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, did not contemplate either an autumn General Election or an early re-constitution of the Government.—Reuter.



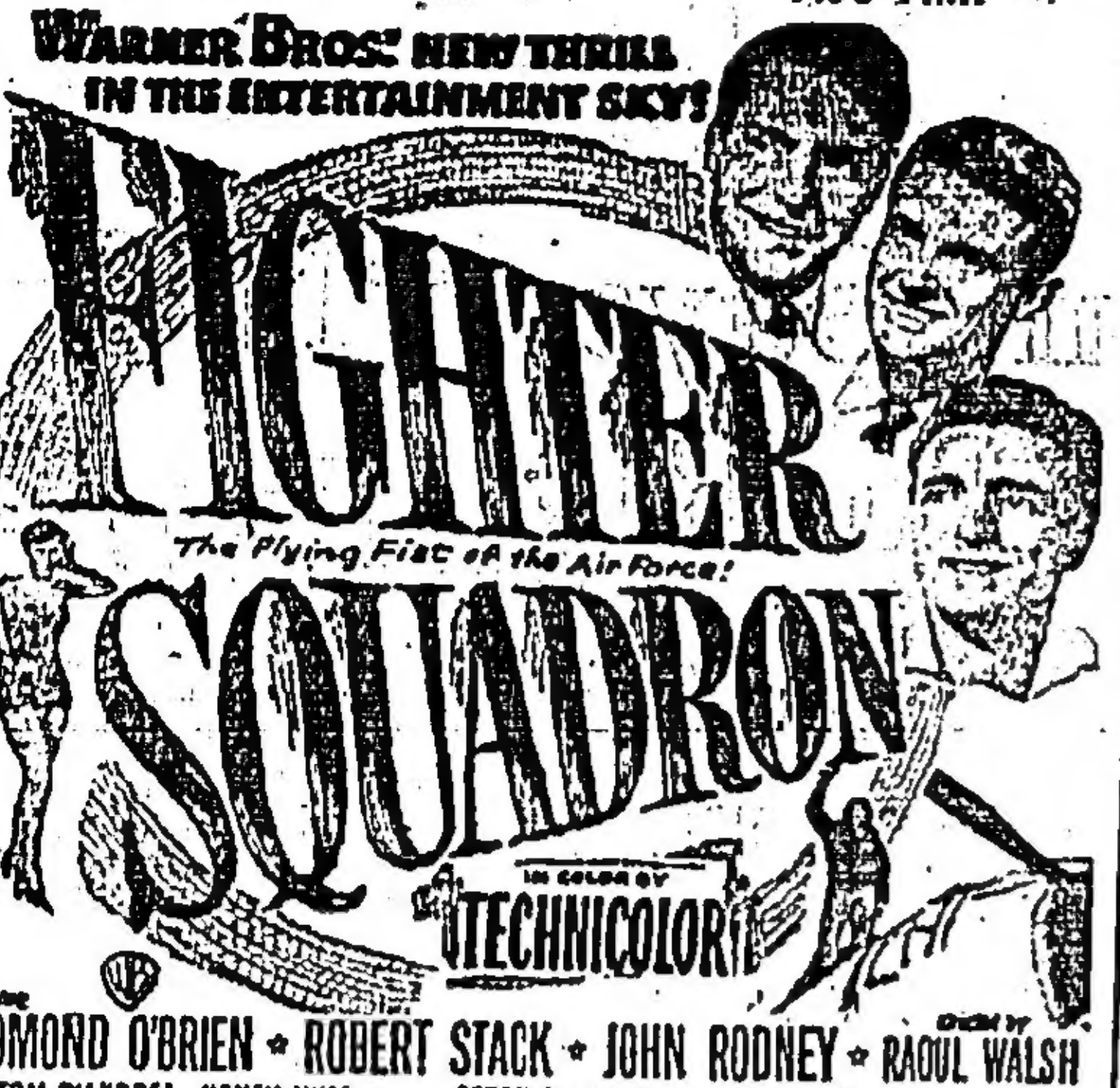
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# British Directors Develop A New Film Idiom

By Leonard Wallace

TWO films now showing in the West End of London illustrate admirably the way British studios are achieving a national idiom compounded of integrity of style, distinctive quality and a native sense of drama.

They are "Passport to Pimlico"—a delightful comedy which is almost a fantasy in the best French manner and yet contrives to be inescapably British—and "The Last Days of Dolwyn", a half-lyrical half-melodramatic story of a Welsh village.

Two other films at present running in London—"For Them That Tresspass" and "Man on the Run"—also express national qualities, if in a lesser degree, and both are well worth seeing as representative of the sincere film-making which is now going on in British studios despite difficulties of rising costs—or perhaps to some extent because of them. The need for economy,

in fact, is often a spur to imagination.

SIR MICHAEL BALCON, of Ealing Studios, who has sponsored so many distinctive British pictures, gave a free hand in "Passport to Pimlico" to script writer Ted Clarke and director Henry Cornelius. And together these two have devised



A scene from the British film Saraband For Dead Lovers, now showing at the Queen's. The story is that of the love affair between Princess Sophie-Dorothée (Joan Greenwood) and Count Philip von Konigsmark (Stewart Granger) one of the greatest scandals of 17th Century Europe. Also starred are Flora Robson and Frederick Valk.

# This Made me laugh a lot

By STEPHEN WATTS

WHEN a comedy is neat, quick, and has (the word can be dodged), charm, what more do you want? Such is "That Wonderful Urge." It made me laugh a lot. It is romantic, and I thought the two young people concerned (Gene Tierney and Tyrone Power) eminently equipped to make the illusion easy to take.

All this despite its largely meaningless title. "That Wonderful Urge" has nothing to knock your eye out in the way of originality or brilliance. It is a routine product—or rather what producers would like to be routine. Only this time it comes off.

## "Come to Sunny Italy"

THE come-to-Italy movement has a wonderful time in the new British films. "That Dangerous Age" is only a few minutes old when Myrna Loy tells her barrister husband Roger Livesey that a kind friend has lent them a Corbi villa. Right at the beginning of "The Golden Madonna" Phyllis Calvert inherits a small palace outside Naples. Later, the business of the plot takes her to Capri, too.

I'm not for film makers getting out and about. I love a breath of balmy air and a spot of sub-tropical sunshine on the screen. But for all the purpose these two films have achieved by their fascinating and exotic backgrounds they might as well have been made in the Mile End-road.

## Unfair To Myrna Loy

ONE of the most attractive and accomplished visiting stars British films has ever had, Myrna Loy has little to thank us for. She is badly photographed in "That Dangerous Age," and her part is that of a very silly and implausible woman who falls in love with her husband anew when he goes blind. She turns out her boy friend (Richard Greene) on her step-daughter (Fanny Cummings). Morally dubious, it is unconvincing dramatically.

If the equable and gracious Miss Loy can bring herself to throw blame where it is due, she should not forget the script writer who has unloaded some cliché-ridden and corny stuff on her. He is her husband, Gene Markey.

Peggy Cummings, despite a terrible Irish-English-American accent, shows signs of being once again something like the actress she was years ago on the London stage. She must be 20 now if she's a day.

## Couldn't Be Sillier

IF films can be much sillier than "The Golden Madonna" I don't want to have it proved to me. Phyllis Calvert and Michael Rennie spin out a bloodless romance while they search Naples and Capri for a missing picture. They find it, as we never doubted they would, at very long last.

## What's Wrong With Ford?

WHAT'S come over John Ford, the man who made "The Informer" and "Stage Coach"? His "Fugitive" was laden with symbolism and did not come off. His latest, "Three Godfathers" is a wider miss.

For half an hour it is a goodish Western (in pleasant colour) about three bank robbers. Then it turns to low comedy, when they find themselves nannying a baby.

After an hour it switches again—and believe it or not a parallel is drawn with the three wise men, the star in the east, the Babe in the manger.... I thought the end of this unspeakable, maudlin bad taste would never come.

## How Not To Suck Eggs

I AM now going to tell my grandfather how not to suck eggs. In "Enchantment" (coming to the King's), Sam Gwyndolyn, whom I hold in high esteem, sucks the egg of sentimentality bone-dry, and it is unworthy of him. I presumptuously give him these "Don'ts":

Don't ever again make a film about a London house that is full of memories, far less one that talks about them; Don't ever have anything to do with a story in which characters are called Lark, Rollo, Grizzle, Solina, Felham, Froula and Uncle Bunny; Don't ever have English people played with American accents; Have flashbacks if you can't avoid them, but don't have flashbacks and—don't have the solid abilities of David Niven and Teresa Wright save this sticky mass from total liquefaction.

(London Express Service)

Then there comes to Dolwyn a self-confident young man spurned by the village for his misdeeds years ago. He comes to buy out the village, tenant by tenant, as the representative of the water development company. Dolwyn must be drowned for his private vengeance.

Pimlico is a typical piece of London just north of the Thames. You could not find anywhere more English. Yet after some children have brought about the accidental explosion of the last buried bomb in that much-battered area, an old document is thrown up with the debris revealing that centuries ago this small part of London was ceded to Burgundy.

That this half of France now no longer exists as a separate state does not bother the residents of the area. It is enough for them that this ancient charter holds good in law and that they are, for many delightful practical purposes, an independent state.

They set up a customs barrier between them and the rest of London and Britain. They abolish rationing, elect their own Government Ministers from local tradesmen, and build up a thriving export trade with neighbouring postal districts.

It would be unfair to say more of the expansion of this brilliantly contrived jest. It is enough to know that the development is as fascinating as the basic idea. Teamwork by a fine cast of character players, which include such skilled performers as Stanley Holloway and Hermione Baddeley, by a resourceful camera crew and by skilled set-builders, is responsible for the pace and richness of the comedy. All concerned have been imbued with the enthusiasm of the guiding spirits Clarke and Cornelius. The result is a film of distinction.

The Last Days of Dolwyn tells a story of a Welsh village which is doomed to be flooded in its beautiful valley so that a reservoir may be provided to fill the taps and baths of the industrial Midlands.

We first see Dolwyn in its unspoiled state; its shepherds on the hillsides, its households for gossiping cheerfully at their gates.

It is a nice example of a tautly made film produced to a moderate budget. Like "For Them That Tresspass," it comes from Associated British.

## Notes From British Studios:

# He's Happy To Be A Murderer Again

DELIGHTED to return to murdering is Dirk Bogarde, who leaves Boys in Brown, a story of young delinquents, to become a policeman's killer in Ealing's Scotland Yard film. The Blue Lamp.

Although Dirk has made his screen name in romantic roles he prefers playing the villain. He got his first screen part because of his outstanding performance as a young murderer in the play Power Without Glory.

TREVOR HOWARD, at present on location in Tunisia on Ronald Neame's The Golden Salamander, went to a local cinema and saw himself in the French dubbed version of

Green For Danger, in which he starred. He understood very little of what he was saying because his school French did not come up to scratch.

Meanwhile, in England, Howard's "voice" Ivan Desny, now a star in his own right, was appearing opposite Ann Todd in Cineguild's Madeleine.

MR J. ARTHUR RANK has received a cable on behalf of the people of Malta, congratulating him on "that excellent production Hamlet." The film is breaking all records after a gala premiere attended by the Governor, Prime Minister, Members of Parliament and leading notabilities of the George Cross Island.

BLONDE, 18-year-old Noni Piper, a Sydney radio star, has been chosen by director Ralph Smart from a hundred Australian girls to play Chips Rafferty's daughter in Ealing's third Australian film, Bitter Springs.

Starring with Rafferty will be Gordon Jackson and Tommy Trinder.

TUTAN-HAIRD, 20-year-old Rumanian beauty, Nadia Gray has been cast for the leading feminine role, opposite Eric Portman and Guy Rolfe, in the "Seton-Barling production, The Spider And The Fly, which is now on location in Paris.

Interned in a Bucharest concentration camp throughout the German occupation, she escaped to Paris after being "liberated" by the Russians.

Star of two French pictures, L'Inconnu d'un Soir and Mon Seigneur, she got her part in The Spider And The Fly after she had been seen in the Paris stage version of Noel Coward's Present Laughter.

ANN TODD sings for the first time in her screen career in Cineguild's Madeleine, story of a Glasgow girl who was tried for the murder of her lover in the 1800's. The song is an old French ballad discovered in an 1845 edition of L'Illustration.

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## The DREAM LIFE of NANCY PRICE

—THE THIRD in a series of extracts from the morning-after diary of a distinguished actress, who has recorded her dreams with startling evidence to support her belief that they have some meaning.

IN my dream last night I went to M's. I had been anxious about her since she lost her very dear companion and friend.

"I want you to see some fine old furniture in the flat opposite, which is just vacant," she said.

I was now in M's bedroom and a jolly little boy came in.

"I live next door to Miss M," he said. "I've come for a bath!" Then in came his mother. "My boy is always so clean," she said, proudly, and as she spoke, the boy came back.

"I've had my bath," he said, "and put on my best clothes."

It did not seem out of place that he was wearing a black satin bodice and skirt, heavily trimmed with jet, a large purple bonnet, and riding boots.

Miss M. took me next door to see the furniture. We were immediately in a small, dark hall and I was depressed by the drabness of the whole place and the furniture—masses of it.

"Take anything you fancy," said the hall-porter. "I must clear everything. It is let to a 'Lachoo' who wants immediate possession because of his two 'Zessies'."

The rooms were left as if the people had just got out of bed and walked off. Everything was dirty, sordid, furniture hideous, nothing good save the elderdowns—there were piles of these on the unmade beds.

Coming back into the hall we found it crowded with would-be.

"My waking impression of these two non-dictionary words is that a Lachoo was a member of an extinct race and that he travelled with his Zessies—creatures of some species unknown to zoology."

be purchasers. The hall-porter then produced some dirty, blue satin dresses with long trains. "These would suit you," he said, turning to me and he insisted on both Miss M. and myself putting one on. The crowd exclaimed at their beauty.

I pressed a pound in the porter's hand and wondered how I could get back into my own clothes as even Miss M. was insisting that I had never looked so well.

"How extraordinary for people to leave a flat in this condition," I said to M. when we were back in her flat.

"I don't think so," she replied, "they may come back."

Then I remembered that I must get back to lunch, and there seemed great confusion in which the porter and his wife, the elderdowns, M. and myself were all mixed up.

"There is no one to get you a taxi," said M., "the porter is too busy, you must wait; eat your sandwiches here."

Then I felt myself dreading opening packets of hard ham and dry bread. "I can't," I said.

"To be useful, you should eat this," I ate 500 yesterday, and they were difficult to catch," said M.

I woke still trying to eat that awful sandwich. My tongue going round and round, my body weighed down by innumerable bottles.

### Then, several days later—

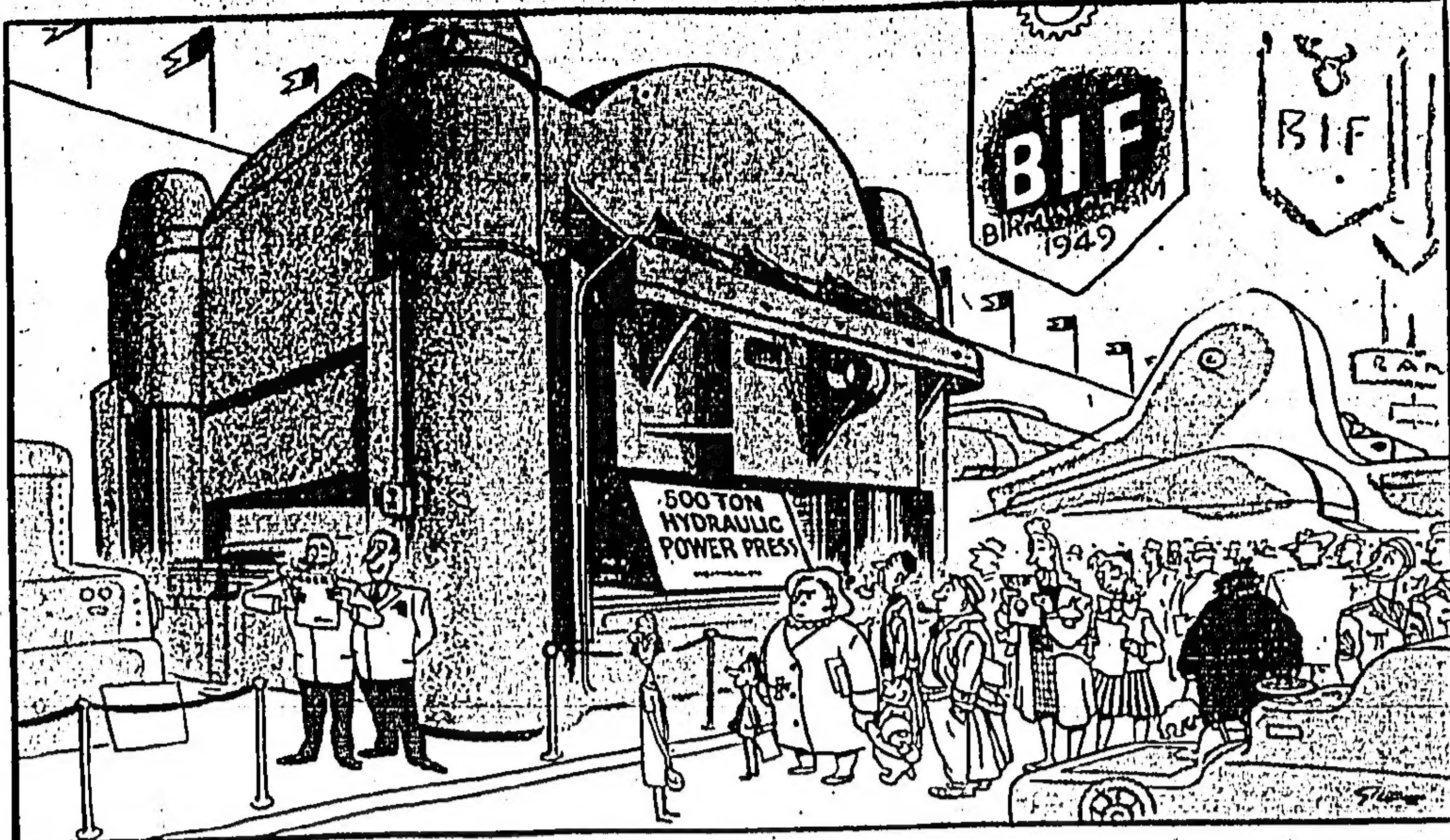
MY FRIEND called with the news that the flat opposite hers had been vacated during the night. The tenants had left everything with a note: "No money to pay rent, sell effects for what you can get."

And, said my friend, as in the dream, "they had such a nice room, so clean looking; and only a few days before they left his mother came in and asked permission to use my bath, as something had gone wrong with the plumbing. I shall not forget that day, for I nearly choked swallowing a fly."

I then read to her the record of my dream, exactly as set down some days before.

"FROM 'Acquainted with the night,'" to be published this summer by George Ronald, Oxford, 7s 6d.

—(London Express Service)



"But, Vera, you'd no right to let the gentleman sell you an hydraulic press."

London Express Service

## BERNARD WICKSTEED IN ARABIA

... I ask you now —what would you do with £50,000 for every week of your life?

Another dispatch from the man with Round-the-World Ticket No. 1

That has happened to a man who lives here. And, what's more, he gets it all tax free. At one time he was just an ordinary shaikh (or sheik) who lived in a town with a mud wall round it.

Then, geologists worked out that his tiny shaikhdom on the Persian Gulf, little bigger than an English county, was sitting on top of one of the richest oil-fields in the world.

For three years the Shaikh of Kuwait (full name: Sir Ahmad Ibn Jabir As-Sabbar) sat in his basking-hot, mud-walled town, courted by oil men.

### High stakes

It was like a fantastic game of poker in which the chips were worth—millions—pounds each.

His beard, which was black at first, turned grey, then white. He developed high blood pressure and heart trouble. (Who wouldn't in a game like this?) But he held out till only two men were left playing against him, one a tall Englishman with a monocle, representing a British company, the other an American.

The two got together and decided the only way to stay in the game was to join forces.

They formed a joint Anglo-American company. The shaikh signed on the dotted line.

One of the terms was that he should be paid a royalty of 4s. 6d. for every ton of oil shipped.

In Persia, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, similar concessions were given to the Government. In Kuwait the shaikh gets the lot.

And it is not taxed because he is the man who would have to tax it.

### His cut: £7,500

LAST month the Kuwait Oil Company shipped out just about a million tons of oil. So the shaikh's cut worked out at £7,500 a day.

At that rate—and the output of oil is going up, not down—he is making £2,237,500 a year.

What on earth does the man do with his money? What can you do on the edge of the desert with nearly three million a year?

He doesn't smoke. He doesn't drink. He doesn't go to the pictures. (He won't allow a cinema for fear it would corrupt his Moslem citizens.)

He has a fleet of cars, but several of them were given to him by the oilmen.

He has three motor-boats and a two-funnelled yacht (with a gold telephone) but these didn't cost anything either. He won't them as side bets at poker. The shaikh is now 64 and, owing to his heart trouble and blood pressure, specialists ( flown out here and paid by the oilmen) have put him on a European diet.

I had a look at his palace. It is no more my idea of a palace than a small-sized house at Putney or St. John's Wood.

The room where he receives Europeans looks as if it had been furnished by a rather frugal boarding-house landlady. Everything is old-fashioned and dusty. There's an ancient upright piano against one of the

walls. It doesn't appear to have been played since it came to Arabia.

They say you can tell a man's taste by his books. So I made a note of those on his shelves. They are nearly all thrillers and novels by such authors as Eliot, M. Dill, But he hasn't read any. He can't read or speak English.

In this land of Persian carpets, the one he has in this room was made in Axminster.

Round the walls there are signed photographs of people who have been to see him. This is where the shaikh's genius comes out. If anyone pays a repeat call, he finds his own picture in the most prominent position.

Every morning the shaikh gets up about five o'clock. That is customary out here, because it is too hot to sleep after that. From seven to nine he sits on the wooden bench on a verandah and holds court—with his merchants and advisers.

They go over the verbal reports of the various Arabic broadcasts. There are some 15 of these sent out by Britain, Russia, America, and other countries.

Not a word of them is missed.

### In bed at 9.30

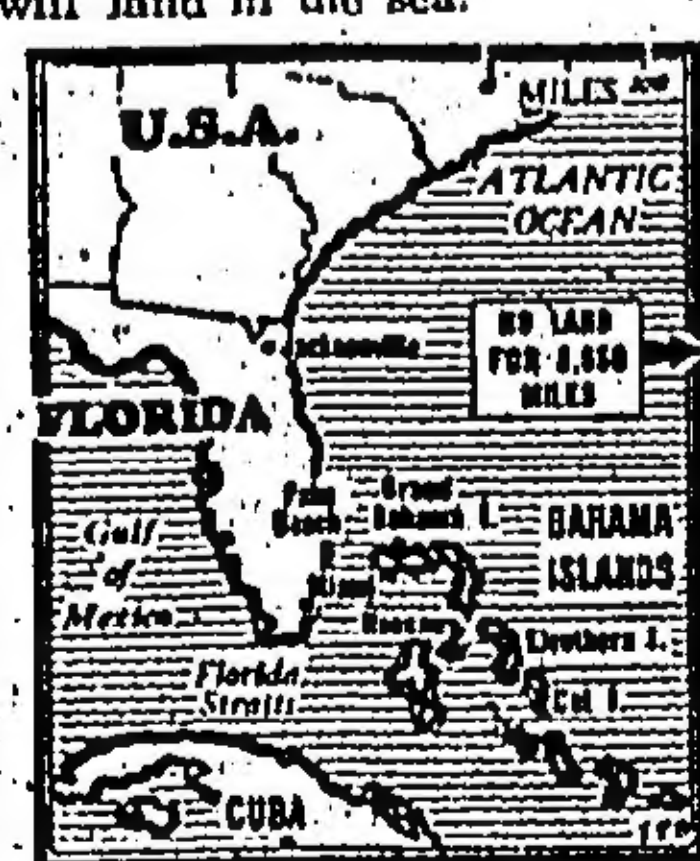
AT 10.30 he receives foreign callers, and at 11 o'clock disappears into the more secluded parts of the palace till four.

After that he meets people again, or goes out in one of his boats till the Moslem evening prayer at sunset. He's in bed by 9.30.

## ROCKETS TO BE FIRED NEAR HOLIDAY ISLES

By VINCENT EVANS

Washington, miles from the Grand Bahamas Island. But it is expected that the radar posts will be on the lonelier isles, where there is little chance of interference from sightseers.



The first news of the project came from the U.S. State Department. Details are secret, but it is believed the Americans have four launching sites on the mainland manned by their experts.

Installations on the Bahamas, holiday isles of the British West Indies, will be staffed jointly by Britons and Americans.

Palm Beach, playground of American millionaires, is the nearest point on the Florida coast to the Bahamas. It is 50

### A royal joke

HIS great friend is Ibn Saud, the King of Saudi-Arabia. Ibn Saud is the top man around here, a regular Henry VIII, of a monarch, and even the shaikh is subjected to his practical jokes.

On a recent visit, the "Idiot" gave him a room with a bedside telephone, and then rang him up every half-hour to ask him how he was sleeping.

When the shaikh's millions have grown a bit more, even Ibn Saud is like that. So will every other Moslem from Morocco to Pakistan. That's the day that the shaikh is waiting for.

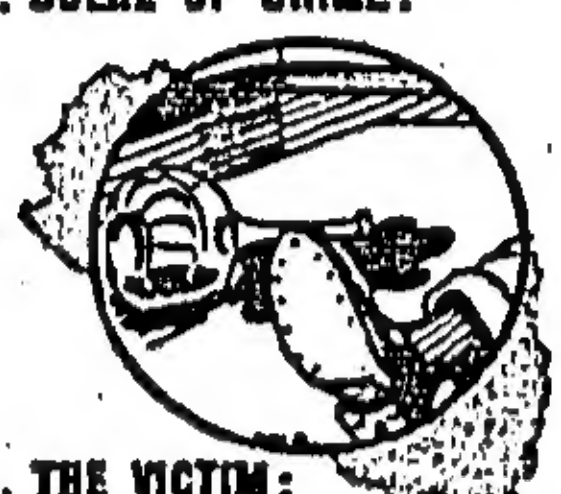
But it's not my cup of tea. Leaving the palace, I hired an Arab dhow and went fishing in the Persian Gulf.

I did get some fun for my money.

—(London Express Service)

### CRIME QUIZ by MILESON HORTON

1. SCENE OF CRIME:



2. THE VICTIM: Cyril Lester—killed playing poker after alleged self-defence.

3. JIM READ SAID: "I caught him cheating. He drew a gun. I fired that decker. He fell dead."

What do you say?

(Solution on Page 13)

## C.V.R. Thompson No gentle zephyr

NEW YORK. THE Zephyr Express began stopping again at the tiny Texas cattle town of Electra.

The 7,500 townspeople, led by cowboy mayor, Leo Moore, made so much fuss in the fortnight the train has been going nonstop through Electra that the railway bosses changed their minds.

First, every citizen stood at the station and tooted whistles as the Zephyr flashed by. Next day it did not flash by, because Mayor Moore posted an ordinance that all trains must slow down to 15 miles an hour through the town.

Next day there was another ordinance—trains were subject to sanitary inspection inside Electra's town limits.

And, finally, there was an ordinance giving cars and pedestrians the right of way over railway tracks, which halted up the Zephyr for a perambulator.

OPINION: The New Republic magazine thinks that this is how the Big Three's hopes for their conference with Russia may be summarised—London nothing, Paris everything, Washington something.

HOME: On sale—a new type alarm clock which, before jolting you out of bed with that annoying bell, tries first to awaken you by blinking a light in your eyes.

EDUCATION: At Buffalo University examination papers in history will include a crossword puzzle, with clues taken from the term's history lectures.

FASHION: A modern version of the shirt-waist and skirt fashions of Gibson Girl days is returning to New York this summer. It is not very different from the old version, except that it is recommended for office wear, as well as on bicycles built for two.

SHOW BUSINESS: Land Turner is all set to resume her film career. Oliver Hardy is making a comeback, but without his old partner, Stan Laurel. After one attempt at being a good fellow (on the screen, of course), Richard Widmark is going back to the old stuff, but more so.

Lili Palmer, Rex Harrison's wife, is refusing all Hollywood offers because she will not leave her husband.

FOOTNOTE ONE: General Omar Bradley, U.S. Chief of Staff, said in Washington that America's frontier is now "in the heart of Europe" and strategy has been planned to keep it there.

FOOTNOTE TWO: Canada is adopting the U.S. .300 rimless cartridge, instead of the rimmed .303, as part of the programme of standardising arms with the U.S.

—(London Express Service)

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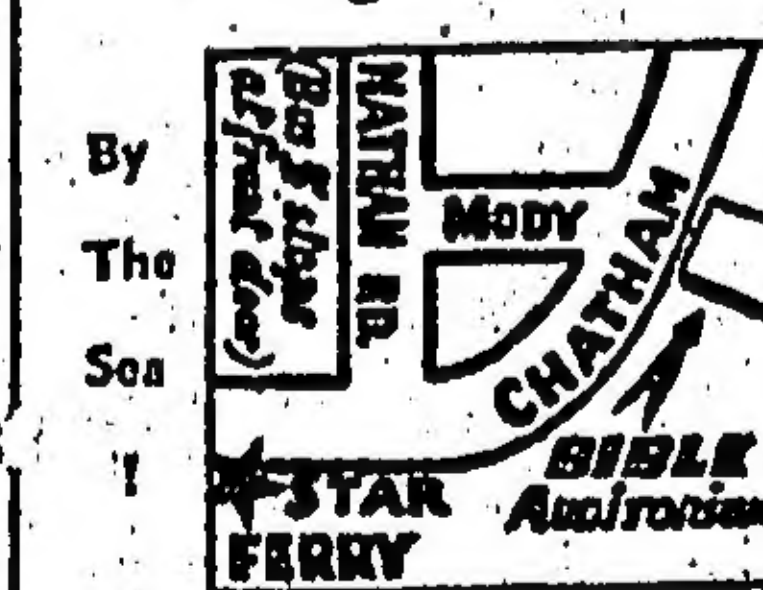
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### PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

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## Get Him Out of This!

by ERNEST DUDLEY

(The Armchair Detective)

SNIP CARTON—Insurance Agent—grabs anti-robber Ruff Diamond to his lair in a big, in fact a Wapping, warehouse overlooking the river. You know where it's always foggy and the river police never stop pulling bullet-middled bodies out of the wet.

Ruff Diamond, using a gas-pistol, and his seven accomplices—plus Lita Lallure, the foreign temptress with a 16-inch cigarette-holder—trap the unsuspecting Snip Carton.

They tie his hands behind his back and gag him. As Ruff Diamond kicks Snip Carton good-bye he slaps his face against an old fireguard, and, using censored language, slams out. Snip hears the bolt slide across from the outside—and is alone.

But Lita Lallure, telling Diamond she wants to make a phone call, slips back to Snip. She tells him she's fallen for him like a sack of best kitchen nuts, and if he'll agree to her terms she'll help him escape. Snip Carton asks her



(See Page 13) London Express Service.





MR David Mercer MacDougall, who has retired as Colonial Secretary, left Hongkong last week for the United Kingdom. Above he is seen speaking at the farewell party given in his honour by leading members of the Chinese community. From left: Lady Chan Chak, Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, Mr MacDougall, Col. L. T. Rido, Dr Li Shu-fan and General S. K. Yee. (Francis Wu). The two pictures on the right were taken at Queen's Pier, where Mr MacDougall was seen off by a large number of friends and where he boarded a launch for the ss Carthago. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SOME of the many Norwegians and their friends who attended a cocktail party given at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday to celebrate Norway's National Day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR E. Ulstrup, Norwegian Consul, speaking at the cocktail party celebrating Norway's National Day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken at St Margaret's Church after the wedding of Mr Frederick Royston Robert Gumbrell and Miss Theresa Maria Xavier. (Ming Yuen)



MR C. U. Tung and Miss Lily Ai, who were married at the Roman Catholic Cathedral last week. (Ming Yuen)

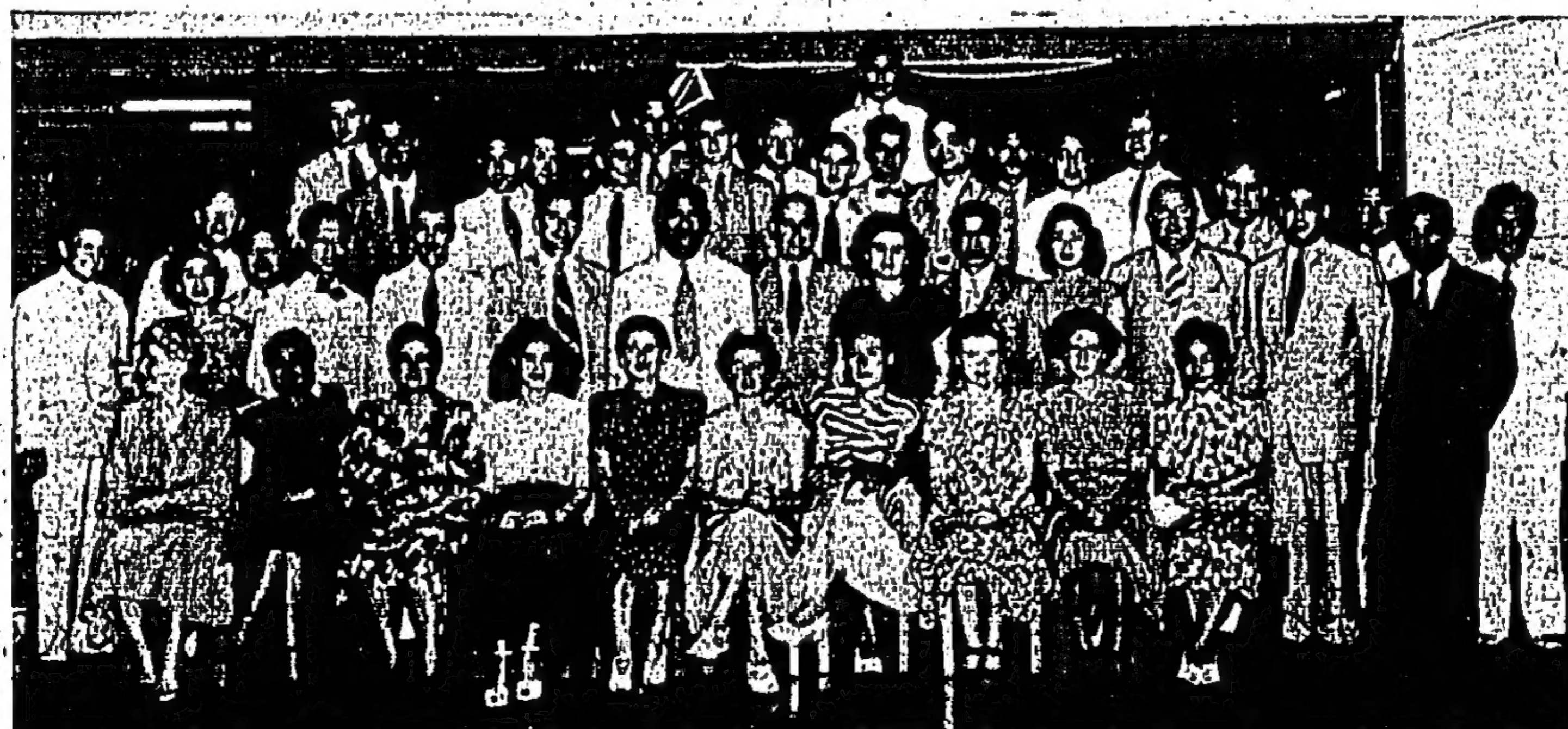
THE well-known Singapore rubber magnate, Mr Tan Kan-keo, is on a visit to Hongkong. He is seen above speaking at a reception in his honour. (Sun Ying Ming)



PICTURE taken on the occasion of the baptism at St Joseph's Church of Amolia May and Rosalie Margaret Magdalen, daughters of Mr and Mrs P. E. Cox. (Ming Yuen)

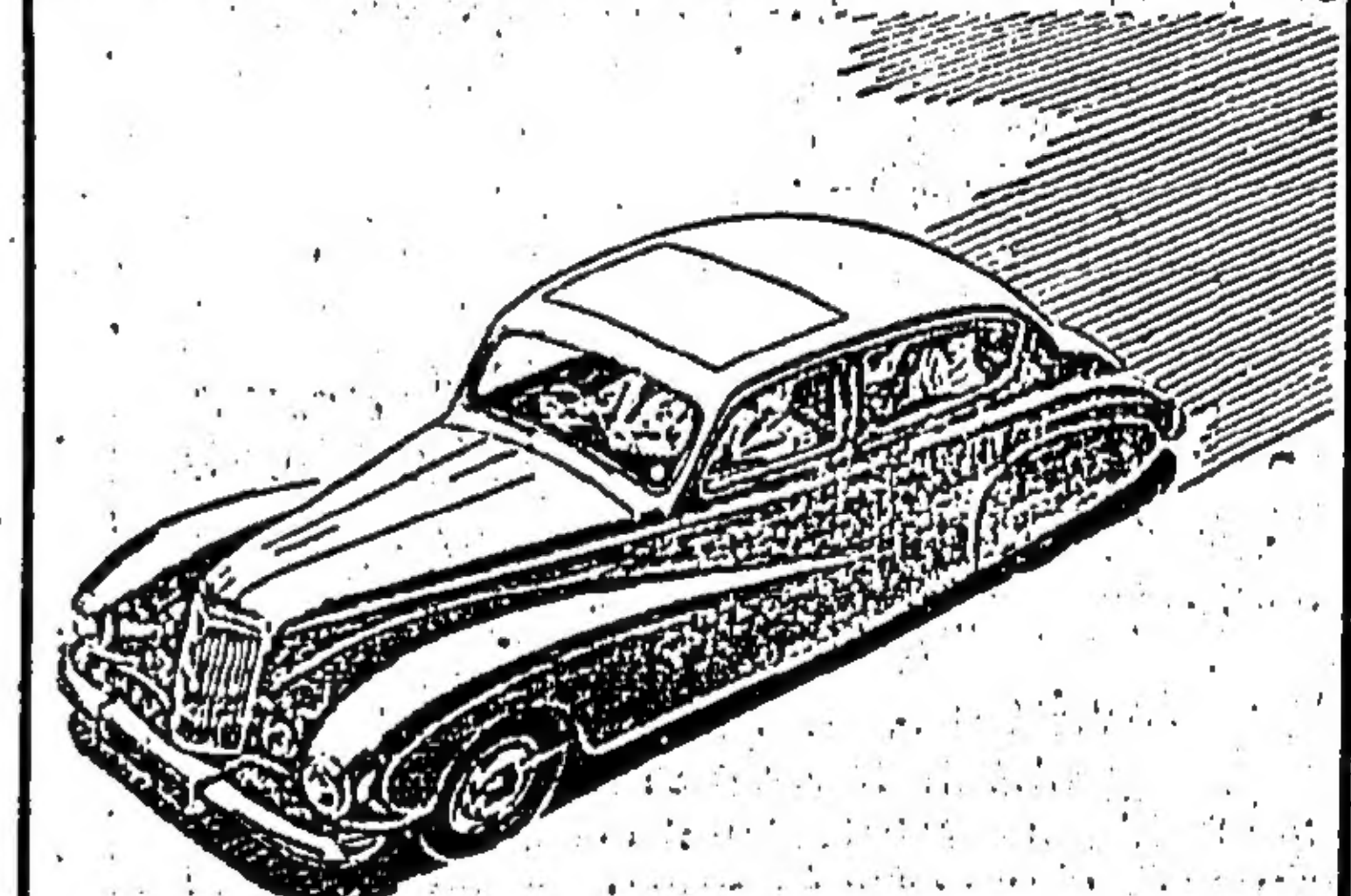


LEFT: Mr W. R. Hobbin (fourth from right), manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., who is shortly going to Japan, was guest of honour at a cocktail party given on Tuesday at the Hongkong Hotel by the Indian Merchants' Association. (Roy Tsang)



MR K. C. Hamilton, senior Government marine surveyor, who is retiring after 22 years in Hongkong, was foted by Mr Ng Hon-ki and Mr Liu Wan-po at the Kwong Chow Restaurant last Saturday, when the above picture was taken. (Golden Studio)

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# WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

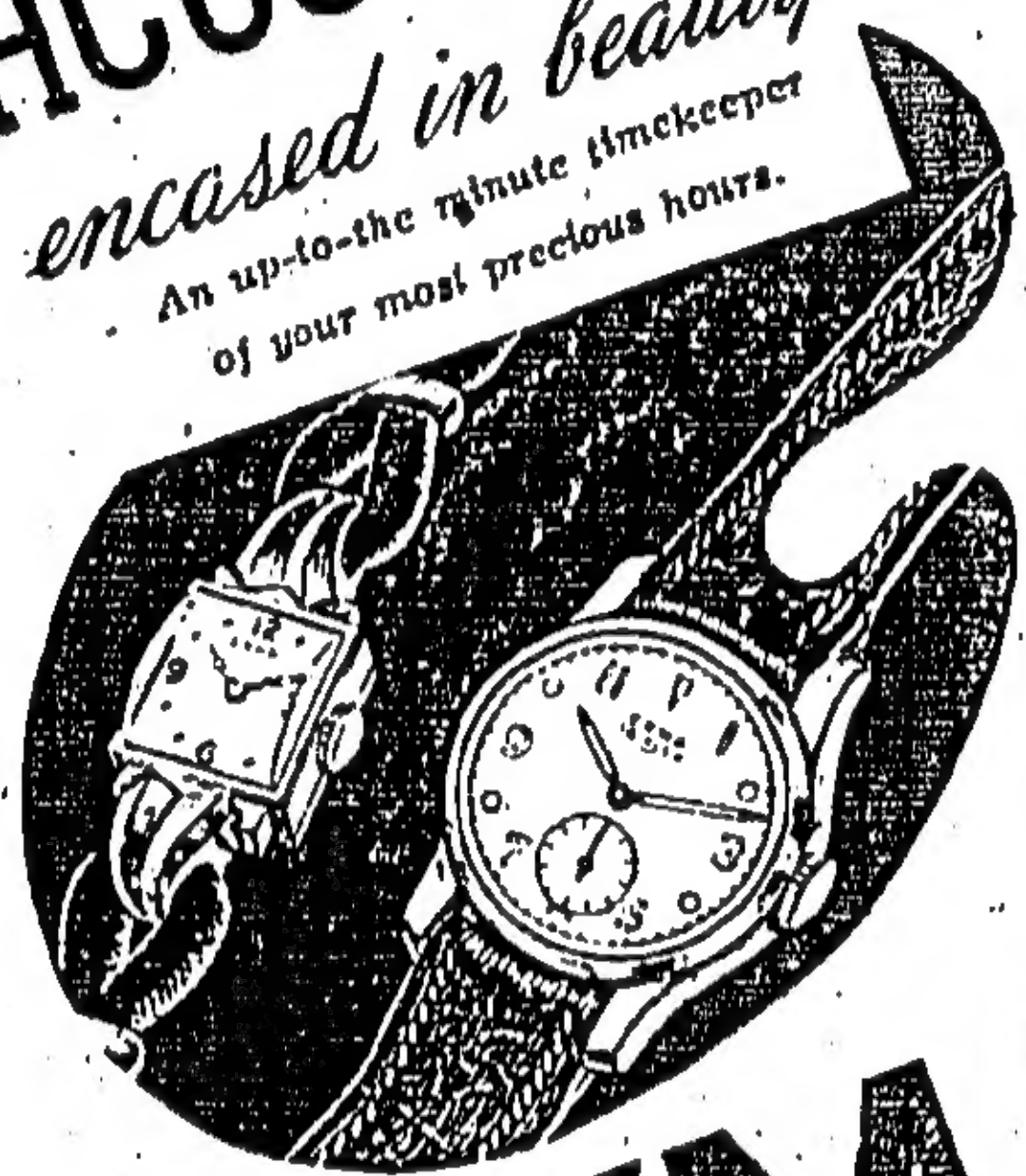
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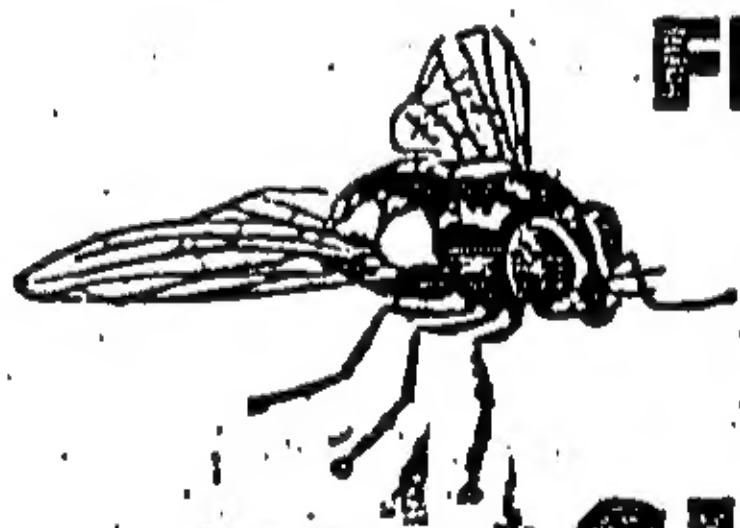
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## HOLIDAY AND TRAVEL CLOTHES IN WOOL

By JOAN ERSKINE

LONDON is crowded with overseas visitors. The British Industries Fair is proving a huge success. "Fashion Fortnight" is shortly to take place, to boost our export trade. Dozens of firms will be "at home" to overseas buyers during the fortnight. And with London invaded by colourful Malayan women, exotic Chinese girls, dark-eyed Indians in shimmering saris, and sun-tanned Americans, is it any wonder we are all developing a violent wander-lust?

So it was with more than usual interest that I went along to see the International Wool Secretariat's show of holiday and travel clothes this week. It was one of the most colourful shows I have seen for a long while.

Gone were the, oh, so dreary tweeds, flat shoes, and shapeless hats. Most of London's leading wholesalers and model houses showed holiday clothes at this parade.

We were all British enough to admire wholeheartedly two really beautiful rain coats. The first was in soft cherry red



A Rima Model. The jacket can be removed to show a decollete cocktail dress.

showproof gabardine, falling in generous folds from the shoulders. It was worn over a turquoise-blue "Hebeard" suit (like wide whiplard). The skirt was box-pleated widely all round. The second was a natural gabardine extremely tailored, with wide belt and pleated skirt. It was worn over a dark checked tweed skirt and red twinset.

Experiments in unusual colour combinations were made. Most popular is lemon and grey in all its variations, but I noticed particularly a tiny gold catin, jet-embroidered hat with a black dress; a pink satin cravat with a grey suit; and a close-fitting little hat, almost like a jockey's cap, in vivid yellow, contrasted with a three-piece ensemble in black and white wool suiting. This last outfit comprised a long flowing top coat, and black jacketed suit. The peplum of the jacket was detachable, making it appear to be two entirely different suits.

This is another point emphasised throughout the show: with an eye to travellers and their luggage, most of these travel clothes were designed cunningly to contain two or three outfits in one. And the featherweight woollen fabrics have no rival for cross-resisting quality. Before you completely discard the idea of wearing wool, think for a moment about sitting in a train or an aeroplane in a linen suit. Is it going to emerge at the end of its journey as uncreased and immaculate as it began?

For those who prefer the short "topper," there was one in grey check tweed worn over a plain grey suit. It had a deep cowl which fell back into a wide collar. The model carried a large "hold-all" handbag in matching tweed, with several useful pockets in it.

The line was slim—no obvious bulkiness at all, even in a yellow and grey striped crumpe tweed dress which was pleated right round the skirt.

For the woman travelling luxuriously on a liner, we were shown scarlet barthea slacks and a white wool twin set.

For the lady who likes to lounge—voluminous, purple pyjamas were caught in at the ankle, and worn with slippers which turned up at the toes and sported a tinkling bell. They called the outfit "Turkish Delight."

Personally I was more delighted with Rima's navy dress and jacket in wool georgette to wear on a trip to Paris, perhaps. It had elegance and simplicity, and is sketched for you here. The

effect is of a coat-frock with deeply pointed collar, lined with white plique. When the top is removed, however, a decollete cocktail dress is revealed. For the teenager, who wants to spend her holiday sailing, there were apple-green Bedford cord "jeans" worn with a cherry and white striped fisherman's jersey. For her, too, was a particularly good playsuit in royal blue jersey. A full hip-length jacket came off to show tiny shorts and brief top with white rope fastening. The shorts came off—and the swim suit was complete. The brief trunks were cut high at the sides to give that longer-leg look.

A pale pink washable pyjama set, well tailored, was topped by a navy wool housecoat with a pink monogram on the pocket. A white non-shrink wool negligee was also washable—a boon for the traveller.

But as always, the main interest switched to the cocktail and evening dresses. A black wool crepe dress with sari-neckline had an attached stole which could be draped any way you please. (Jewellery note—another variation of the pearl necklace: tassels of tiny pearls hung from a longer rope). A black cape, hip length at the back and rising to elbow length in front, was a feature of another black dress. It was lined with pale pink. Dorville showed one of the afternoon dresses rapidly becoming so popular over here—it is in grey and white check jersey with the new decollete neck line for day wear.

Printed wool taffeta is new—it looks exactly like fine silk with a Paisley design, and is one of the fabrics our "back-room boys" of the textile industry have been working on for a long time.

An evening dress in oyster wool crepe was elaborately draped across the hips, and the material allowed to fall in four flying panels to the hem.

For shipboard travel again we saw a dress that could be made to look like several. It was highly original. The skirt was full and swirling in lightweight black and grey check tweed, and the top was black jersey jacket which tied in the front and had a low neckline. When the jacket was taken off a strapless black top was beneath. The model then put the jacket on BACKWARDS and there she

## Prices Must Come Down

By EILEEN ASCROFT

THE price of women's clothes will have to come down. Few women these days can afford to pay selling price and above for their clothes.

Fuysers report that good quality models sell out the day after the very hour that they come into the stores, while expensive ceiling price clothes remain unsold.

Simple styles, smart cut, good materials and a low price—that is what the customer wants today. If she finds it she'll buy it. She doesn't she'll wait until she does.

An autumn advance collection, styled by Jeanne Lanvin, of Paris, and manufactured in England, combines all these features. Many of the models are below ceiling price, but they are smart and extremely fashionable.

Starred models were a beautiful emerald green coat with deep shawl collar and high back pleat, and simple office frocks in royal blue or black wool with detachable turtan stoles or apron fronts.

Other good ideas for the office girl going on to a dinner date were a black wool frock with detachable hip drape in silk; and a little turtan wool frock with high white plique gilet for the daytime, which takes out for evening, leaving a deep, boat-shaped neckline.

Cocktail dresses in taffetas and silks had petal skirts and uneven hemlines.

### HERE AND THERE

It's fresh... French custom of wearing lilacs of the valley in May has inspired fragrant new perfumes and beauty accessories.

It's new... Everglaze chintz, which was free without losing lustre or stiffness.

It's different... a man's sports jacket in white nylon milanese and women's nylon slacks with a permanent crease set into the material.

It's topped... from New York comes the "Girdle," which is a girly with attached petticoats. It gives a sleek hipline and does away with separate slip.

It's crazy... new style for the golf course consists of plus four topped by matching tweed skirt unbuttoned in the front.

was in a formal high-necked dress with low cut back. Only in wool, with its excellent draping quality, could this be successfully achieved. Yellow and black "duster check" made an evening dress for a young girl. The "young look" was further accentuated by the tiny bolero with its stiff white pointed collar and black velvet bow—like a choirboy.

Prettiest was a navy wool crepe dinner dress with broderie anglaise on the stiffened cuffed collar, and round the skirt about eight inches from the hem. A tiny Dutch cap of stiffened broderie anglaise completed the picture.

## FRESH FLOWER GLAMOUR FROM YOUR GARDEN

By SUSAN DEACON

FLOWERS have such a seasonal popularity that at this time of the year, when they are cheap and plentiful, they should be almost a part of your wardrobe—another accessory.

Make a habit of wearing flowers in the day and evening—but keep them fresh. Wilting blooms give a bedraggled appearance.

A tiny wallflower posy will flatter brown eyes. Primroses, tiger lilies, or coral pink roses are pretty for the green-eyed woman, and mixed anemones or pink and blue cornflowers for grey eyes.

Fresh flower jewellery is attractive and fashionable, and can be worn as earrings, hair combs, or a bracelet.



If you will not have the opportunity of renewing your flowers over a long period, use instead some of the very real-looking artificial flowers which are in the shops.

Wear three marigolds at the side of the new short hair.

Use flowers which will not wilt quickly—grape hyacinths, or the separate tiny flowers on a hyacinth, rhododendron, or hydrangea are long lasting.

You can buy the jewellery already made and easily renewed, or it is very easy to make. Wire the flowers and twist the wire around the top of a hair comb.

### Use old studs

For the earrings, use old studs. Remove the pearl or stone and it is simple to fasten the wire securely to the base. Slit three tiny poses on to a velvet band and tie it round your wrist.

Think up new and attractive ways with flowers, following the present fashion trends.

Mass tiny flowers along one shoulder strap of an evening dress, leaving the other strap bare.

Fasten tiny real rosebuds at intervals over the bodice of an evening dress, or pin a spray of lilac to the flap of your evening bag.

If your hair is black and shining, wear three flat marigolds over one ear, and fasten a small posy of marigolds at your waist.

For day wear, edge the ends of a short wide scarf with a double row of small flowers.

You could use lilac of the valley on a plain black scarf, or small dark red roses on a pastel coloured scarf.

For a cocktail party, you could copy the same idea on a long-ended sash.

It is a good idea to match your perfume with whichever flowers you are wearing.

Remember—never wear flowers on flowered material—that small flowers give the impression of daintiness.

That tiger lilies, gladioli, and lilies are elegant, sophisticated flowers.

That the older woman should wear a decorated flower comb and the younger woman flowers in her hair.

—(London Express Service)

## New Ways to Keep Your Head

By PRUNELLA WOOD

IT IS often a fairly agile feat to keep up with Sally Victor's nimble millinery wits... but today, here and now, she outleaps herself. The demure little flat-hat bonnet, left, was suggested by Anne Boleyn; the big hat below has a "bubble crown." Now, I ask you... what happened to the heads of Henry the Eighth's wives? What do you know about bubble-heads?

But all attempts at wit aside, that black straw bonnet is lovely with its blue satin streamers, and so is the bubble-crown.



Sally Victor.



The picture hat above is of little girl blue, its bubble crown and flatter brim covered with white organza which is crusted with appliques of hand embroidery.

## How to make the best of your face

by CHERRY MARSHALL

WHEN the teen-ager first starts to use lipstick, then is the time to teach her the technique of correct make-up.

Young faces must be kept natural-looking. They need the very lightest of colourless foundation creams; only a tracing of cream rouge if they are pale. A light dusting of powder, a shade darker than the skin, is sufficient.

All shapes of faces at this age have the charm of youth. Spots and flaws need medical treatment, not cosmetics. Eyebrows need brushing into shape and glossing with a little vaseline, but eyebrow and mascara are taboo. Warm olive oil brushed on the lashes darkens them and encourages growth.

### Care with lipstick

Lipstick causes most trouble. Younger teen-agers should not use any in daytime.

Later on, rose-tinted and natural shades only should be used; no orange, purple, or flaming reds. The guide is to keep lipstick as unobtrusive as possible.

Hair is best kept short, well-brushed, and dressed in simple styles. Wash it fortnightly, or every week if it gets lank and greasy.

Rinse with a solution of warm water mixed in a quart jug with a tablespoonful of lemon juice or vinegar. Gently with a light, non-greasy brillianine.

When a girl nears the age of 20, she'll probably find her skin needs a little pampering. Now is the time to experiment with rouge, powder, and foundation creams.

A tinted foundation will give her face more warmth and colour, and being heavier, will help her to keep shine-proof all day.

She should still avoid a sophisticated make-up, but can so gay on lipsticks to tone with the colour of her clothes.

Mascara on the fair lips of the lashes will make them look longer and thicker. Powder a shade darker blended on the nose and chin can have a shortening effect.

### Enlarges the eyes

The tinted pin-point of lipstick on the inner corner of the eyes enlarges.

A round face needs rouge high on the cheeksbones, a thin one lower on the cheeks, keeping colour away from the nose.

### Home-made pack

From 25 to 30 the skin is the first thing to show signs of wear and should be kept in good condition. Dryness causes tiny surface lines about the eyes and mouth, and needs a rich nourishing cream.

Face packs, used fortnightly, are ideal for revitalising the complexion and closing the pores. A home-made recipe mixing two tablespoons of fine oatmeal with warm water to a creamy consistency is excellent for a face pack.

Cover the face and neck completely, protecting the eyes, and leave on for about 20 minutes. Wash off with warm water and rinse in cold.

Blotchy complexions and flabby muscles need reviving with skin tonic and toning with cold water after washing.

After 30 the neck needs more attention. Don't wash and dry it roughly, it tends to stretch.



the skin. If the neck looks thin, pat in a little olive oil at night.

If fat, saturate cotton-wool with astringent lotion and pat in smartly. Do not massage the neck. Remember always to make-up the neck with foundation cream and powder when you are doing your face.

With increasing years, make-up should begin to look unobtrusive again. Light, subtly tinted foundation creams, rouge practically indistinguishable, and the faintest of powders, are essential. Heavy powdering accentuates wrinkles.

### If hair is grey

Mascara should be left off, but eyebrows need to be well-defined and the eyes brightened with just a suggestion of eye-shadow. Choose lipsticks with soft pink tones; purples and too-bright reds are hardening.

If the hair is grey, use a blue rinse after shampooing, a colourless brillianine to highlight it. Strong sunlight is liable to turn grey hair streaky yellow, and protection is needed.

Keep styles short and natural-looking; no tight rolls; be the back; no corrugated waves. Correct tapering will prevent the ends splitting and turning frizzy.

—(London Express Service)



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MR and Mrs T. V. Soong snapped at Kai Tak before emplaning for Paris. The former Chinese Premier and Governor of Kwangtung is seeking medical treatment in Franco and Switzerland. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Alec Charles Barton and his bride, formerly Miss Mary Smith, photographed with their attendants after their wedding at the Rosary Church on Sunday last. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SCENES at Kai Tak airport this week, when advance units of the 1st Independent Forward Squadron, Royal Engineers, arrived from Singapore by air. They form part of Army reinforcements being sent to Hongkong to augment the Colony's defence. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LAST Sunday was the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, and at St Teresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, special services were held, followed by a solemn Procession. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MISS Natercia Lobo, daughter of Dr P. J. Lobo, Director of Economics of the Macao Government, was married recently to Mr Arnaldo da Silva. Photo shows the newlyweds leaving the Macao Cathedral, where the wedding took place. (Catela, Macao)



TALKS in the "Better Homes" series, held weekly at the YWCA, Duddell Street, have been very popular. Here is Mrs James Mucklo demonstrating Russian dishes last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



ONE of the many parties that attended the anniversary cocktail party at the United Services Recreation Club recently. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Lo Kwong-lu and Miss Gladys Lau, who were married at the Peninsula Hotel last week. (Francis Wu)

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# IN THE FLAT OF THE FRIGHTENED GIRL

Escape to Denmark: Germans discover the 'contact man': A leap for life into a gale-swept sea

After many adventures and hairbreadth escapes, Peter Howard and John Clinton, who tunnelled their way out of prison camp Stalag Luft III, have got out of Germany.

Disguised as French workers they made their way to Stettin, a port on the Baltic, where they were smuggled on board a Danish ship by Sigmund, a member of the Danish 'underground.'

It is late October 1943, and we take up the story on their first night out at sea as they lie hidden in the chain locker of the ship.

by ERIC WILLIAMS, M.C.

who is the Peter Howard of the story, John Clinton is in real life Michael Codner, M.C.

PETER woke suddenly and completely. It was dark. He reached for the torch and sent the thin beam of light cutting across the darkness of the locker. John lay sleeping, his head on his arm, a slight smile on his unshaven face.

They had been sick during the night, until they had fallen asleep from sheer exhaustion.

Peter heard footsteps on the deck above. Then Peter, the skipper, came, bringing a jug of coffee and some sandwiches.

He said there was no longer any danger of their being boarded.

An hour later Sigmund, the 'underground' contact, came down and took them up to the forecabin.

"You can sleep in the bunks for the next two nights," he said.

"Where shall we go when we get to Copenhagen?" Peter asked.

"It is for Mr Olsen to decide."

"Who's Mr Olsen?"

"There is no such person. It is the name we give to the leader of the Resistance."

They spent the rest of the day in the forecabin playing cards, sleeping and eating eggs and bacon cooked on the small stove.

By evening the ship was rolling so much that they were glad to climb into their bunks.

During the next two days Sigmund told them of the German occupation of Denmark. How at first the Germans had been 'correct,' hoping to make a peaceful conquest. But the Danish people had refused to co-operate. There had been clashes.

Now, no Danes were allowed out of their houses after eight o'clock at night, and many of the younger people had withdrawn to the country to wage guerrilla warfare.

padlock, which Sigmund unlocked with the key given to him by the boatman. "We will ride fast. It is getting late."

He led them inland down the smooth tarred roads. They were queer, heavy bicycles, with thick tyres and upturned handle-bars, but it was better than walking.

Then the sun came out and the blood moved in them. For the first time since leaving Germany they felt free.

Sigmund led them for several hours past hamlets and villages, but pressing on all the time.

They stopped at a large farmhouse.

"This is the headquarters of the Resistance," Sigmund told them. "Wait while I report."

There was a sentry at the gates, wearing British battle-dress trousers.

Sigmund spoke in Danish. The sentry saluted and stepped to one side.

They found themselves in a low room with a large tiled stove at one end and in the centre a long trestle table at which three men were sitting.

Service rifles stood in racks against the far wall, and beneath were boxes of ammunition and open trays of hand grenades.

To the left stood a small table on which was a British transistor radio and a clock. On the main table were four Browning machine guns.

## A WELCOME To the R.A.F.

AS they entered, the three men looked up. Sigmund spoke to them in Danish. He spoke fast. Peter heard the letters RAF repeated several times.

The men stood up. Their faces had brightened as Sigmund spoke.

"RAF," the man at the head of the table said in unaccustomed English. "You are welcome to our country."

"This is Carl," Sigmund said. "He is Mr Olsen's second-in-command."

Carl was a tall man in his late forties. Grey and thin but with keen eyes and steady hands.

"You are welcome," he said again.

"Thank you," Peter said. He looked at the other two men. They were both young. He walked over to the table. "Browning guns!" He took up one.

"It will not fire," Carl said. Peter turned the gun over. "Number one stoppage," he said.

The men watched Peter as he stripped the gun down to the breech block.

"Bad luck. Broken firing pin."

"You can fix it?" Carl asked. "Not unless you have a spare breech block," Peter told him.

Carl crossed to a pile of sacks in the corner and returned with a Browning gun, its barrel bent and twisted by fire.

"Where did you get them?" John asked.

"From a crashed R.A.F. bomber," Carl said. "We got there before the Germans did. And the crew were dead. We gave them a military funeral. They are buried in the local churchyard."

"The breech is O.K.," said Peter. "We can fix the gun."

"That is good," Carl said. "We shall use it against the Germans."

In the afternoon Sigmund took them, by train to Copenhagen.

"I am taking you to my sister," he said.

"You must do exactly as she says and make no noise. On no account must you leave the flat."

He walked them through a maze of streets to a block of flats.

Peter and John followed him to a flat on the third floor.

The door was opened by a tall, fair girl. She looked frightened. Sigmund spoke to her.

Her face went white, but she smiled and motioned them into the room. There was an air of feminine order about it.

Peter felt strange and uncouth in this room—the first private room he had entered for a year. He felt that he was bringing dirt and danger into this girl's flat, and he did not like it.

Sigmund warned them again not to leave the flat, and departed, leaving them standing awkwardly, facing the frightened girl across the table. Her fear was obvious. Her large eyes betrayed it. It was a fear that was new to Peter and it disturbed him.

## NO CONTACT But heard BBC

JOHN spoke first. "It's good of you to have us here."

The girl said something in Danish.

"She doesn't speak English," Peter said.

John tried again in French, but the girl still replied in Danish, and shook her head. He tried and shook his head. He could not understand.

So they stood there awkwardly. Standing because the girl was standing and hoping that she would sit.

Peter took a chair and placed it behind her. She smiled and they all sat down.

The girl seemed helpless with fear. "This was difficult. What could they do?"

There was a radio set standing in the corner of the room. He pointed to it and said, "England?"

The girl indeed. She took a portable gramophone and put on a dance record. Then she crossed to the radio and turned in, very faintly, to England.

Peter and John crouched down, ear to the loudspeaker, while the girl played dance music on the gramophone. It was the B.B.C.—the calm, unemotional voice of an announcer reading the news.

England seemed very near. Very near and very real.

When the news was finished the girl put on her hat and coat. She traced her finger round the dial of her watch to tell them she would be gone for an hour.

While she was away they washed and shaved. Then they fell asleep in their chairs.

## COLD FEAR Of the Germans

SHE woke them in the evening with cups of apple-leaf tea.

"Even if she doesn't speak English she knows the good old tea-time," John said.

She brought a Danish-English dictionary. And she told them to take off their shoes so that their footsteps could not be heard in the flat below.

She played the radio to drown their conversation. She played the radio all the time, so that they began to feel nervous if it was not playing.



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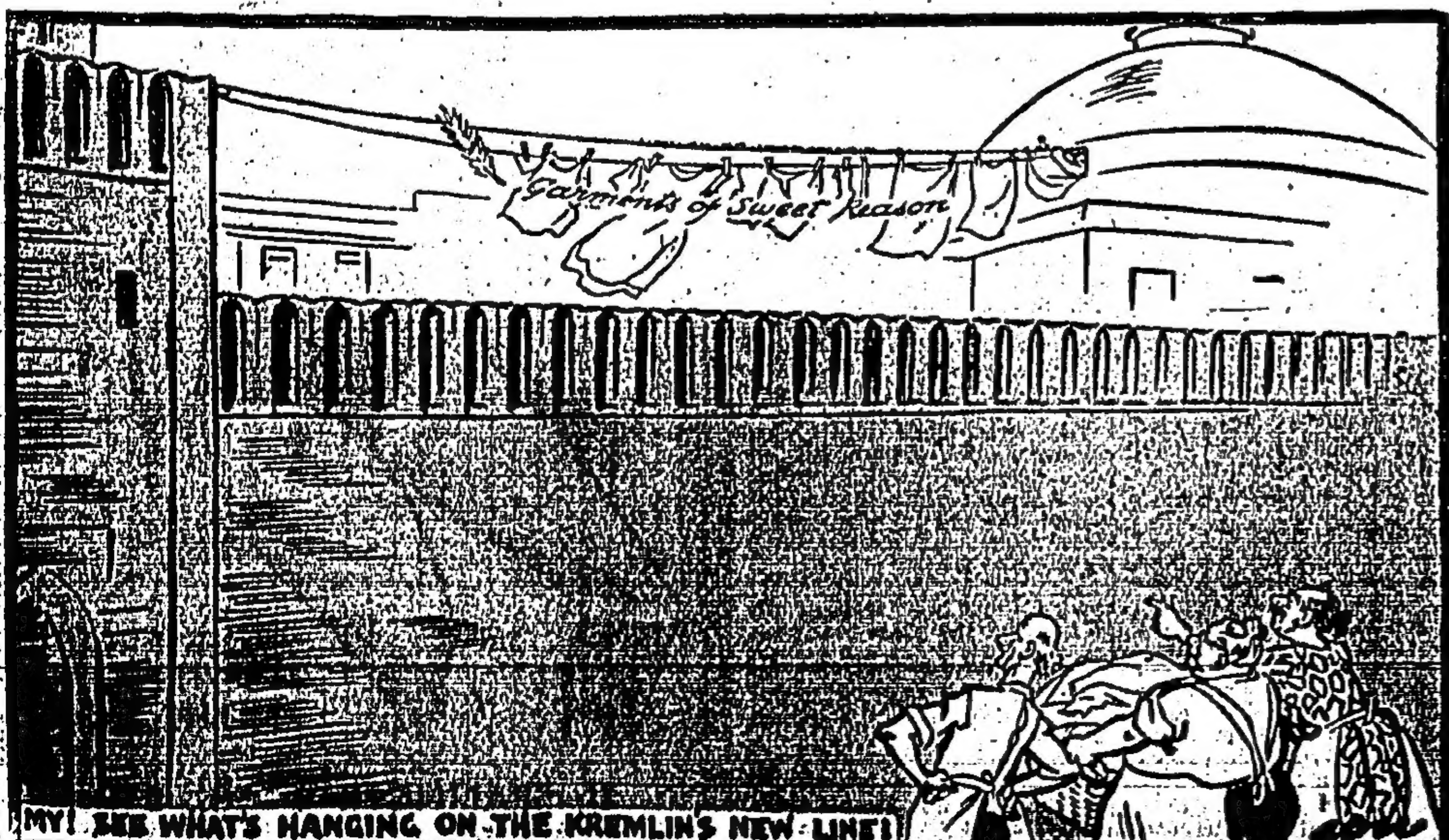
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# "FAIR PLAY" REVIEWS THE SOCCER SEASON

By "FAIR PLAY"

With both the Senior and Junior League Championships decided, and the few outstanding league games cancelled, the Football League season is now ended. A brief review of the leading achievements is thus possibly the best way to close this column until next season rolls around.

South China "A" have been "the team of the season" of course, but great credit must also go to KMB, CAA, and latterly Kitchee, for some sparkling performances. Army, Navy, and Club, too, deserve a pat on the back for being all out triers, always good to watch.

In the Club Competitions, South China "A" reigned supreme, and they won the First Division Championship by a convincing margin. Never headed from the start, they made their position at the top of the table more secure with each match, and it was not until the turn of the year (January 15) that they conceded their first point to the Police.

Ending with a net loss of four points, they suffered only one defeat, losing two-nil to Chinese Athletic, their other point being dropped to the ever gallant R.A.F.

## WORTHY DOUBLE

In also winning the Senior Challenge Shield, South China "A" completed a worthy double, and this Shield Final will be long remembered. Kitchee, their opponents, played stirring football and twenty minutes from the end were leading 3-1 with the game apparently safe.

What really happened from this point will be talked about for many a day in soccer circles, but sufficient to say now, South China "A" drew level 3-3 before time, and went on to win the trophy by five goals to three in the extra-time period. With such a record it was inevitable that South China "A" should supply the nucleus of the Combined Chinese, side in the special competitions, and with additional stars from

other leading teams, the Chinese have had a very strong combination available.

Great credit, therefore, must go to the non-Chinese players who prevented the Chinese XI from making clean sweep of the available trophies.

The Combined Chinese started well by beating Army 3-2 to annex the Memorial Cup, but playing as the CNAAF side against the HKFA XI they had to succumb to a reversal of the score.

In the International Cup Final, Chinese played England, and this cup they won by five goals to two, but in the Victory Shield Competition they suffered two straight defeats, and the Combined Services retain this trophy for another year. The season, then, saw a very equitable distribution of the special honours.

## THE PLAYERS

Having dealt briefly with the teams, what of the players

themselves? Who have been the outstanding men of the season? Departing from fact to personal opinion, I now lay myself open to criticism, for loyal fans of every Club will deplore my not mentioning their particular favourites.

However, without fear of favour, and admitting the list to be far from complete, here is my selection of some of the seasons outstanding performers. Among the forwards I rate Kierman and Tang Yee-kit on a par for top position. Both are great-hearted players, fast, clever, unselfish and clean, and who, among those who saw it, will forget Tang's great second goal against Kitchee when KMB assured themselves of being runners-up, or Kierman's great show in the Governor's Cup.

Then there are veteran Fung King-cheong of SCAA, Chau Man-chi (KMB), Xavier (St Josephs), Chin Chi-fun (CAA), Mullen (Club), Marsden (Army), Rafferty (Navy) and a host of others.

In the half-back department we have seen great performances from Hung Hing-yuk (KMB), Lee Kung-hung (SCAA), Craighead (Army), Leonard (St Josephs), diminutive Chan Kam-pul (CAA), Babbage (Navy), Lou Chung-sang (SCAA), Forrow (Club), and who has pleased the crowds more than Hsu Yung-sang at full back, ably followed by Tozer, Roche, Hughes, Soutar, and many more staunch defenders.

Finally, in goal, my praise goes to Yu Yui-tak, Cheung Koon-hing, Yu Kai-yun, Tam Kwan-sun, Anderson and Leck.

Then there are the players who don't hit the headlines, but who turn out each week to keep the league going. Grand club men like Weiler and Beck (Club), Santos and Pereira (Saints), Tang Kwong-sum and Kwok Ying-kee (Kitchee), Mow Cheung-wing and Lee Ping-nam (CAA), and others too numerous to name.

Finally a word to the Juniors. Congratulations to CAA for winning the Second Division Championship; to KMB for winning the Junior Shield; and to all teams for completing a fine and arduous season. The Junior League lacks the glamour of the First Division, but it is an essential part of Hongkong soccer.

## COACH-MINDED

Now that British athletes are becoming more coach-minded it means the ordinary youngsters will get better opportunities. In the past our Olympic chances have depended mainly on the "varieties" at Oxford and Cambridge, where top-class coaches were employed. Bill Thomas at Oxford and the late Alec Nelson at Cambridge.

From this source we developed such as Jack Lovelock, Lord Burghley, Harold Abrahams, Douglas Lowe, Guy Butler, and R. M. N. Tisdall. True, Jack London, Albert Hill, and Sydney Wooderson were not "varsity" men, but how many Woodersons were born to blunder upon through lack of coaching opportunity?

Obviously, the coaching is in its infancy stage, and don't expect our team to do any better against the Americans in the British Games at White City on Whit Monday than they did in the Olympics last August, but Britain's challenge to the United States will come now that we have dropped the 30s touch in our coaching.

(London Express Service)

## Solomons Not Packing Up

Promoter Jack Solomons is leasing Harringay Arena for at least six big monthly shows between September this year and April 1950. The dates are now being worked out (writes George Whitting).

"That," he told me, "will kill once and for all the rumours that I am giving up promotion in London after my world heavyweight championship fight in September."

Rumours referred to have apparently arisen as a result of Solomons' reported intention to promote two American tournaments at the 50,000 capacity Orange Bowl in Miami.

He plans to discuss these ventures during a two-weeks visit to America immediately after the Woodcock-Mills fight at the White City on June 2.

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## Mister Conquest



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## CHAMPION COMES IN



Gunner Kirswell, of the 25th Field Regiment, R.A., winning the Colony 1,500 Metres Championship from Wong Ching-ling, the Chinese Olympic runner.

Kirswell will be running the 800 Metres on the final day of the Championships at Caroline Hill Stadium tomorrow while Wong will be in the 5,000 Metres Run.—Photo by Golden Studio.

## Today's Chances At The Valley

By "THE TURF"

The Lantao Handicap is the feature event for this afternoon's Sixth Extra Race Meeting at the Happy Valley.

An attractive programme of ten events has been arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club, and with the possibility of the weather remaining fine, the meeting should attract a record crowd.

At the time of writing the special sweep for the Lantao Handicap had reached well over the 1,000,000 mark, and the first prize will be approximately nine lakhs.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be at 2 p.m.

### FIRST RACE

The opening race of the day is confined to Class 5, new ponies from the two-mile post, once round and in, and at even weights of 147 lbs a close decision should be seen.

Sportsmaster just managed to have the better of Jennifer by a neck in the Appleton Handicap at the Easter meeting in a mile race.

I am inclined to believe this pony can repeat its success again, as it is very fit at the moment.

The Tigress and Harmony are two other ponies to be watched carefully for they are running quite well at the moment, and may have a strong say at the finish.

### SECOND RACE

Great interest will be shown in this main event, the Lantao Handicap, for Class 4 new ponies from the two-mile post, once round and in.

Empress Delight, which will be piloted by Mr. Needa, can be relied on to win this event for it is in the pink of condition.

Shun Lee, who has been well prepared for this main event, and with the possibility of Mr. Maitland up, is sure to extend Empress Delight to a close finish.

Strong opposition is likely to come from Ringmer (K. F. Chiu), Row a gien (A. Ostroff), First Alarm (J. Holgate) and World Peace (K. Kwok).

### THIRD RACE

The best two in this race for Class 4 old ponies are Anyway (150 lbs) and Lana (154 lbs), but they will have to be at their best to stand up to a challenge from Avonion (142 lbs), Boom Town (142 lbs), Golden Dragon (140 lbs) and The Stranger (147 lbs). The last named is very fit at the moment and may spring an upset.

### FOURTH RACE

This event will be fought out by Class 5 old ponies and, judging from past performances, Victorious (140 lbs) and Jeep King (147 lbs) stand a good chance of winning. These two ponies at the Easter Meeting in a mile race were involved in a photo-finish.

Countess Delight (145 lbs), the hot favourite, failed badly when it ran against the above

ponies.

What was wrong with Chief Pilot? This pony has twice hit down its supporters. At the Second Race meeting it could only secure third place after being made a firm favourite.

At the Easter meeting this pony was nowhere in the picture. Will it be nowhere again in this race?

Bootsie (155 lbs), Minx (142 lbs) and Noonday Sun (150 lbs) are looking very fit and any one of these stands a good chance of winning.

NINTH RACE  
Charlie (147 lbs) and Dig Shot (147 lbs) are in the pink of condition, and whichever pony Mr. S. W. Lee intends to take out is sure to be in the limelight.

Flying Jib (140 lbs), Liberation Star (150 lbs) and Red Sox (150 lbs), recently demoted from Class 3, are not entirely out of the picture and may be looked forward to for a surprise.

TENTH RACE  
The last race of this afternoon is confined to Class 5 old ponies over the mile and a quarter.

## INTER-HONG SOFTBALL

# Stanvac & Gibb's - Clash In Play-Off Tomorrow

By "STARDUST"

The stage is all set for the grand finale of the Inter-Hong softball loop which takes place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock when the classy Stanvac ball machine square off with hard-playing Gibb Livingston in the play-off for the San Miguel Shield.

The venue of this tussle will be the spacious CBA ball park. The Flying Horsemen from Pegaus wound up their hong junket in a photo finish with the youthful T gang from Gibb's and tomorrow's tussle will decide the championship.

Both squads are raring to go and a bang-up ball game is just around the corner for rabid ball fans. At the conclusion of the 11th, Mr. F. Leysohn, representing the San Miguel Brewery, donors of the gonfalon, will present the trophy to the newly crowned champion.

It's still anybody's guess what the final score will be when the last put out is racked up in the play-off clash. Stanvac will throw the full strength of their available material into the ball game to salvage the flag while youthful pilot, Frankie "Purpacha" Correa will have new blood in the powerful Gibb's line up with a view to bolstering the side.

Gibb's had whipped the Socony nine by a 13-9 count when these two hong mikes hit it up on Opening Day. However, tons of water have flowed beneath the bridge since that meeting, and Stanvac are out to avenge their early setback.

## TORRID TRAIL

The Flying Horsemen blazed a torrid trail down the Hong Pennant road after their initial loss, bowling aside all contenders for the title. Gibb's, inspired by their grand debut in the loop, suffered a rude setback midway through the campaign when a canny "Fluke" Claxton came from behind in an eventful sixth inning rally to hand the T gang their only humbling of the season. Both teams have improved with the stretch of the season.

## The Search For Young Talent

London, May 16.—One of the main tasks of the English cricket season now getting into its full stride is to develop young talent with a view to finding new Test men for the MCC tour of Australia.

The Tests with Australia are the yardstick by which the standard of English cricket is measured, so whatever importance is attached to the Tests with New Zealand this summer, and the West Indies, who visit next year, undoubtedly much more is given to England's prospects against Australia.

The next encounter with the Australians takes place the winter after next, and in the meantime many problems must be solved. At the moment only such men as Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook, Bill Edrich, Denis Compton and Alec Bedser could be regarded as probable starters for the trip.

That leaves 12 or 13 places open for competition and two more seasons, or eight months' cricket, for young players to assert their claims. If early season form is any guide, then the youth of England, will answer this challenge.

## GOOD AUGURY

The recent performances of young players like Tom Graveney, Barry Howard and the record-breaking Cambridge pair, John Dewes and Hubert Doggart, augur well for the future, but it is not suggested that on the strength of an excellent display with bat or ball in these opening matches a side should be rushed into the First Test against New Zealand.

However, if all goes well on the Test field this season and England approach the Third or Fourth Tests in an unassailable position, the chance might well be taken to try out new candidates.

It is interesting to recall that three of England's present stars, Hutton, Washbrook and Compton, all made their first Test appearance 12 years ago against the last New Zealand touring side. If men of the same calibre are unearthed this summer, then the New Zealanders will be regarded almost as mauls in English cricket circles.

The importance of giving youngsters the opportunity of more than one match in which to adapt themselves to the Test cricket atmosphere was clearly shown in the case of Hutton and Washbrook.

Marigold (152 lbs) which came in first at the last meeting, covering the mile in 1.49, has now jumped two classes higher (from Class 7) and will probably again be good for a win here.

Chief Witness (152 lbs), Colombia (150 lbs) and Possibility (151 lbs) are not to be overlooked for they will certainly give Marigold a hard race to the finish.

prospect of a tight hustling duel with speedball artist Thacher. The T gang will make a strategic shift in the inner defence. "Modest" Khan, their usual hot corner tender, will hold down first base.

Avilo "Chandu" Campos will covet at second while speedy "Rabbit" Leung pegs from the windy alley slot. The ballhawking triumvirate will be unchanged.

Jojo Bapista, slugging Gerry Rozz-Pereira, and Rahman "Supernova" Dux will patrol the pastures in search of flies. The Gibb's nine is well balanced in both offence and defence. Their main forte is a bunting game. Gerry Rozz-Pereira, a "fool" Khan, and George "Strawberry" Souza will pace the T attack.

Stanvac wound up in a tie for first place by virtue of 4 wins and a lone setback. They walloped AFL 16-4, crushed Caltex 13-0, broke Shell's winning streak by clipping the AFL gang 10-8, and steam-rolled the Musicians 8-1.

Gibb's opted their drive for the flag with a 13-9 victory over Stanvac, and then were disappointed when they dropped an 8-15 decision to the Caltex squad. Gibb's came back to walloped the Musicians 22-0, nosed out Shell 11-10 to reclaim Shell's pennant drama, and ended the campaign with a 25-4 shelling of the AFL Eagles.

Well, ball fans, it's time to sign off. As a parting comment, I would recommend the Stanvac-Gibb tangle for action and diamond thrills. The game is slated to get under way at 11 o'clock tomorrow at the CBA park. Umpires will be that famous trio—"Doc" Molten, behind the plate; with Buster Hollands and Lanley Rennie; Sequeira on the cushions. See you all at the ball game.

## Arthur Peall says:

UNLESS the outcome was designed to be a drop centre from head, only a billiards novice would play in-on diagram red into top pocket.

Correct. Snooker has its own logic. When a striker has a red, and a pink covered red near top, and a blue covered red near bottom, he should aim at the blue covered red, as it is the most difficult to hit. However, he should not aim at the blue covered red, as it is the most difficult to hit. However, he should not aim at the blue covered red, as it is the most difficult to hit.

Red in corner was a problem ball. Yet an easy stroke could have been made. Aiming half-ball on the side-cushion red, striker sent white into the corner behind and almost touching the other red. His opponent did not relax the awkward lead, and to accomplish that is good snooker.

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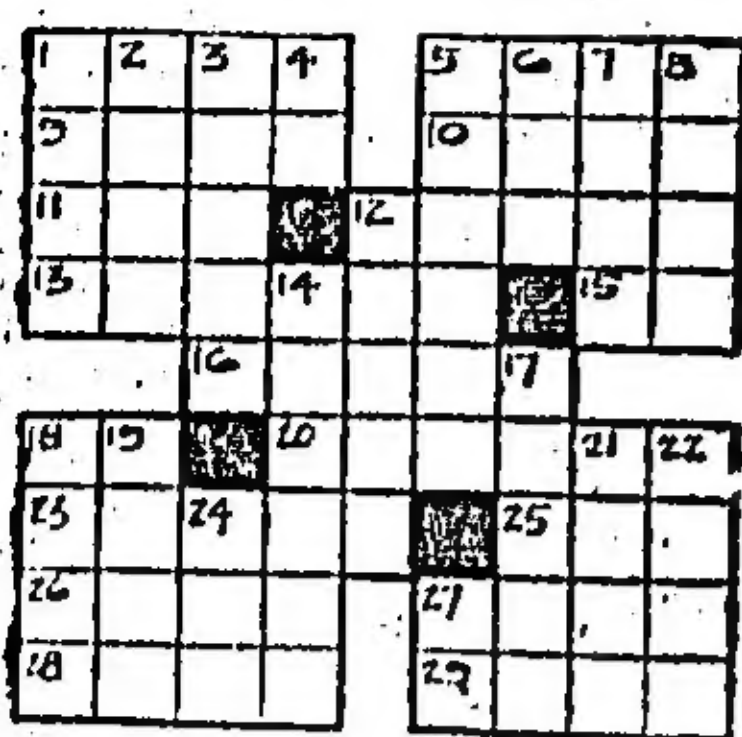
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## DIAMOND

This word diamond is very easy and centres on HEART. The second word is "an ocean," and the fourth "exists."

## BEHEADINGS

Behind "a dsh" and get "lardy," behind again and get "consumed."

## ANSWERS

## ACROSS

- 1 Peel
- 5 Shakespearean king
- 9 War god
- 10 Assam silkworm
- 11 Number
- 12 Sacred song
- 13 Diners
- 14 Steamship (ab.)
- 15 Scott
- 16 While
- 17 Upper house of Congress
- 18 Started
- 19 2,240 lbs
- 20 Great Lake
- 21 Bacon skin
- 22 Lairs
- 23 Pedal digits

## DOWN

- 1 Top of the head
- 2 Extent
- 3 Lenses
- 4 Electrical term
- 5 Diminutive
- 6 Age
- 7 Is sick
- 8 Male sheep (pl.)
- 9 Dress with the back, ab.
- 10 hind feathers
- 11 Follows after
- 12 Proportion
- 13 In bed
- 14 Withered
- 15 Sound
- 16 Concludes
- 17 Strong drink
- 18 Right (ab.)

## BOTANY POSERS

1. What tree might hurt you when it scatters its seeds?
2. What plant's roots will grow to a depth of 50 feet in search of water?
3. What is the deepest in the ocean that plants will grow vigorously?
4. Which will produce more carbon dioxide in a room, a few house plants or a person?
5. How can one tell the age of a tree?

## RIDDLES

1. When is a wall like a fish?
2. What is the only thing that can remain alive in a fire?
3. Which is the largest room in the world?
4. Why is a young lady dependent upon the letter Y?

## HOMONYM

Missing words in this sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently. Can you complete the sentence? No consonant—the identity of the concealed—star.

## Rupert &amp; the live toys—36



The giraffe and the hippo run happily round the little circle until they are tired, and then the hippo goes straight to Sylvia just as he had done before. But the giraffe can't make up his mind. "You're all so nice," he squeaks. "I don't know who I want to belong to. Let Rupert be the first to find out. Let him choose." "Very well, I will," agrees Rupert. "Willie hasn't had a toy this year, so you shall belong to him, and you can both join in our games whenever you want to."

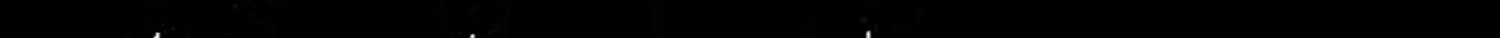
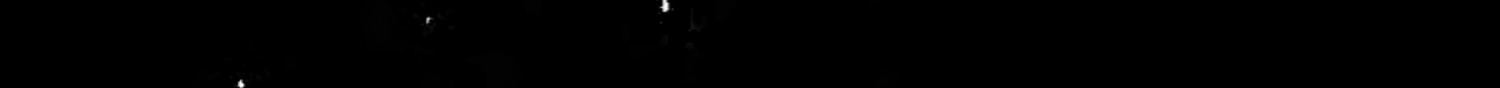
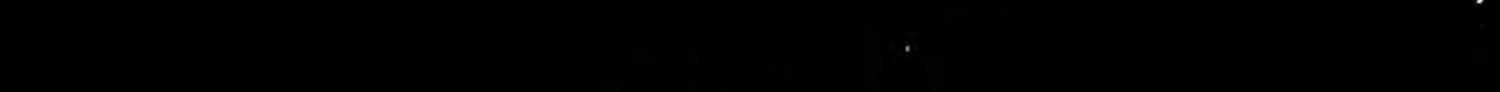
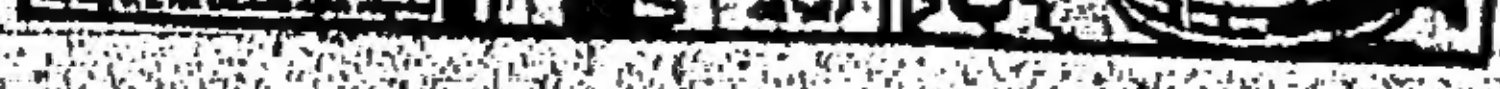
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## Soap and Water Treatment



## By Harry F. O'Neill









# Middlesex Increase Lead In County Table

## NORTHANTS DRAW WITH SURREY

London, May 20.—Northamptonshire's failure to gather any points from their match against Surrey which ended today, means that Middlesex's quick victory over Leicestershire yesterday has increased their lead in the Championship table from four to 16 points.

Middlesex have won three of their four matches and taken first innings points from the other for a total of 40 points. Next in the table with 24 points each, come Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Northants have played four matches and won two, Warwickshire, who did not have a match in the present series, have won two out of three, and Yorkshire's victory over Somerset has given them full points from two matches.

At the bottom of the table, having scored no points, are Essex, Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. East and Somerset have both secured a first innings lead in the present series to take their first points of the season.

Today's play provided some exciting finishes in the victories of Glamorgan, Yorkshire and Hampshire. Wilfrid Wooller, Glamorgan's dynamic captain, won the match against Worcestershire for the champions in the last over. Wooller went in after Glamorgan, needing 151 to win in exactly two hours, had taken 80 minutes to put on 88 for the first wicket.

While Wooller fell at the other end, he set about the bowling. With two overs to go 17 runs were needed, but Wooller got them with a six and three fours.

The Champions' victory gave them 10 points from three matches.

**SOMERSET COLLAPSE**

At the start of the day Somerset were in a good position to record their first win of the season against Yorkshire, but they threw away the advantage by being dismissed for 132. Aspinall took four for 40 for match figures of nine for 40.

Set to score 190 in two and a half hours, Yorkshire went after the runs from the start and won with ten minutes to spare. Norman Yardley promoted himself to opening batsman, and his brisk innings of 66 in 70 minutes

# Pakistan To Take Over Air Lines?

Karachi, May 20.—Pakistan is considering nationalising its two civil air lines, usually well-informed sources said today.

Under a scheme now before the Pakistan Government the two companies—Pakistan Airways and Orient Airways—would be merged into one nationalised corporation similar to the British National Air Lines.

But the Government would hold only 51 percent of the shares and the rest would remain in the hands of the present company owners.

The new corporation would be known as "Pakistan Air Lines".

Owing to financial difficulties about the operation of commercial air lines in Pakistan, it is understood that neither of the two companies is reluctant to be nationalised. One of the companies already has accepted paid for by the Government—Reuters.

# WEEK-END SPORT

**TODAY**

Football—Barnet v. Boreham Wood, 4.30 p.m.; C.A.A. v. K.M.B., 6 p.m.

Lawn Bowls—League matches: First Division—K.C.C. v. K.B.C.; Second Division—K.C.C. v. K.B.C.; Third Division—K.C.C. v. K.B.C.; K.C.C. v. K.B.C.

Races—Sixth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley, First Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m.

Baseball—League Games: K.C.C. v. K.B.C., 6 p.m.; K.C.C. v. K.B.C., 6 p.m.; K.C.C. v. K.B.C., 6 p.m.

**TOMORROW**

Athletics—Colonial Open Championships at Caroline Hill Stadium (all day). International Tournament Final: Portugal v. India at Bookunpoo, 10.30 a.m.

Lawn Bowls—First Division League: C.C.C. v. K.B.C. at 10.30 a.m.

Baseball—Lal v. K.C.C., 6 p.m.; K.C.C. v. K.B.C., 6 p.m.; K.C.C. v. K.B.C., 6 p.m.

Union Team v. Swallow Overeas, 8 p.m., at Caroline Hill Stadium.

# France Gives Recognition To Israel

Paris, May 20.—France has extended de jure recognition to Israel and named Edouard Felix Guyon, former counsellor in Bonn, as Minister to Tel-Aviv.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman said the Israeli representative in Paris, Maurice Fischer, had been designated Minister as a result of the move.

France extended de facto recognition to Israel on January 24.—United Press.

# Russia To Repatriate Jap POW This Year

London, May 20.—Virtually all the 95,000 remaining Japanese prisoners of war in Soviet territory would be repatriated between May and November this year, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

The Moscow dispatch said that only a "certain group under investigation" would be excepted from repatriation.

The following was the text of the statement: "In view of inquiries which have been addressed to the USSR member of the Allied Council for Japan concerning the dates fixed for termination of Japanese prisoners of war from the territory of the Soviet Union, the repatriation agency under the USSR Council of Ministers deems it necessary to announce the following: 'Of the total number of 95,000 soldiers and officers of the Japanese Army taken prisoner, 70,000 are repatriated free in 1945 directly in the area of hostilities. In the period between December 1, 1946 and May 1, 1949, 418,166 persons were repatriated to Japan.'

In the period between May 1, 1949 and November 1, 1949, all remaining prisoners of war, numbering 95,000, with the exception of a certain group of persons with regard to whom an investigation is being conducted at present into war crimes they perpetrated, will be repatriated.

"All expenses borne by the Soviet Union in repatriating Japanese prisoners of war and civilians must be reimbursed by the Japanese government as provided under the repatriation agreement between the USSR member of the Allied Council for Japan and General MacArthur's Headquarters of December 10, 1946."—United Press.

# Rebels Beaten At Meiktila

Rangoon, May 20.—The Burmese army announced today that it had beaten off a fierce attack by unidentified rebels who briefly occupied Meiktila police station, 350 miles North of Rangoon, yesterday.

Meiktila is the headquarters of the North Burma Army. The Army said fighting in the town continued for nine hours before the rebels were finally thrown out.

The government forces claimed to have killed 80 rebels, wounded 27, and captured a rebel tank.—Associated Press.

# Swedes Win

Paris, May 20.—Sweden's Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson today defeated Filipino Felicisimo Ampon and the Dane, Erik Bjerre, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-8, in the men's doubles of the French international tennis tournament.—United Press.

# "NO WAR YET," SAYS TITO

## Powers Unprepared And People Unwilling

Belgrade, May 20.—Marshal Tito today expressed his confidence that the bitter feud between East and West would not breed war in the immediate future.

He said a war would not break out soon "because the powers are unprepared and the people in the imperialistic countries are unwilling to fight."

He refused to rule out, however, the possibility of a war in the distant future.

Tito spoke to a conference of his crack guards division, a hand-picked group responsible with the security police for protecting the country's top-ranking leaders.

The guard troops pledged anew their devotion and allegiance with frequent cries of "Tito Hero, Tito Hero."

In perhaps his firmest words about Russia to date, Tito blamed Russia for the increasingly bitter relations between Yugoslavia and its Communist neighbours.

But he said: "We are going along the way of building up Socialism and nothing can stop us. They should understand that."

He added: "We have no powerful radio stations and our propaganda has not the means they have, but our greatest power is truth, and truth is going to be victorious."

# Polish Reply To Ede's Allegation

Warsaw, May 20.—General Wincoz Gross, Polish Government spokesman, today denied that Polish police searched all ships in Polish harbours, in a reference to the statement made by the British Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Replying to Mr. Ede's allegation that British seamen had been arrested in Polish ports, the spokesman told a press conference that foreign seamen were arrested in any port of the world if they committed offences.

This had nothing to do with the Gerhard Eisler case, he said.

Eisler, who was arrested aboard the Polish ship Batory at Southampton last Saturday, is at present in prison in London pending extradition proceedings.

Referring to Mr. Ede's statement that a Bolivian citizen was arrested aboard a British ship in Gdynia in 1938, General Gross declared, "I think it too significant that Ede, trying to explain the British Government's activities in this case, should reach for an example of the pre-war Fascist Government."—Reuters.

# More States Approve New German Constitution

Frankfurt, May 20.—Western Germany's new constitution cleared its next to last hurdle today when it was ratified by four more state legislatures, bringing the number of approving states to the required eight.

The London agreement on the West German state required the constitution to be approved by two-thirds of the 11 of the trilateral state parliaments before it could come into force. However, the constitution is still not yet in force.

It will become effective when it is formally promulgated by the constitutional convention at Bonn on Monday. It passed through the four assemblies today without difficulty, the only opposition coming from the Communists and deputies of splinter parties.

The state legislature of Bremen is expected to vote on the constitution later tonight. Results of the first four votes today were: Hesse 73 for, eight against; Lower Saxony 93-37; Schleswig-Holstein 60-0 with one abstention; Northern Westphalia 163-35.—United Press.

# White Wins Gold Vase Tourney

Dublin, May 20.—Ronnie White, English golf champion, today won the "Gold Vase" Gold Vase with two rounds of 71 for a total of 142 over the 6,000-yard Dollymount golf course.

White's consistent golf strengthened his claim as Britain's chief hope in the amateur championships, which start on the Portmarnock links on Monday.—Associated Press.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th May 1949 to 25th May 1949, both days inclusive.

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